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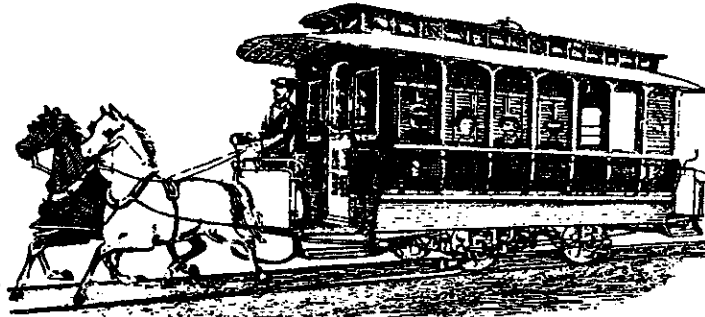
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February 3. Remember to use our new address, which is pasted over the old one in the masthead above. Our mailing envelopes still have the old address, but we're going to use them up. Mail will be forwarded from 1204 to 961207. Note also that Bob & Anna Butler, our Advertising Managers, have a new address.

Another new year is upon us, and Ted Meyers is preparing copy for what will be an 8-Year Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue. It's getting bigger and bigger. Last year we upped the print order to 250 copies and sold out. Watch for announcement next month on pricing. A supplement to the Smith Catalogue of Overseas TTs is also in the works. There is an announcement in this issue about it.

Charles Hodder sends a scan of an old brass 21mm token inscribed "Seattle / School / District No. 1 // Use For / School / Business / only". I've known about this token for 50 years. Several of the oldtime Seattle collectors owned it, and the general feeling was that it was probably a telephone token, being the same size as a nickel. I have similar tokens for Miami, FL, and Baltimore, all 21mm. They are probably telephone tokens, but it's conceivable, of course, that they were fare tokens.

Bill Weber writes that he found an unusual item down in Florida. The token is shaped more or less like a Maltese Cross, 31mm, white metal, inscribed "The Clifton Rocks Railways / Commenced 1891. Completed 1893 / G.C.M. / G.N. / P.M. // Issued To The Passengers On The Opening Day, March 11th, 1893". At first I thought Great Britain, but the date is given in the U.S. style (month, day, year) so I assume it is some sort of souvenir from a U.S. railway. Bill paid \$20 for it. Any ideas out there?

Oh yes, Bill's token also has a picture of a horsecar on it, making it even more interesting and desirable.

I still have some more of the very attractive One Pound "National Transport Token" from the United Kingdom dated 2003, for sale at \$1.75 each or two for \$3.00 which includes postage if you will send an addressed envelope. Order from the Editor. I also have 8 left of the beautiful 30mm white metal bridge token from Portugal used as toll on the "Ponte 25 de Abril" picturing the bridge. Only \$1 plus postage. These were supplied by AVA member Jaime Salgado, who lives in Portugal.

Haven't paid your 2004 AVA \$22 dues yet? This is your last chance if you want to get the February issue. Send \$22 to Joel Reznick, P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116.



## NEW SUPPLEMENT TO THE WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CATALOGUE

The First Annual Listings of Fare Box supplements to the Smith Catalogues of World Transportation Tokens (a compilation of those that appeared from 1980 to 2003) will be available in Spring, 2004, to anyone interested. The cost will be only enough to cover printing and mailing cost.

The Supplement will include an unedited compilation of all world transit tokens, including railroad, trolleys, bus, bridges, ferry & highway tolls, etc., as reported in The Fare Box from 1980 thru 2003. These will be tokens that are not listed in any of the existing world transportation token catalogues. Many of the reported tokens have complete details given, and many do not. It is my hope that members will be able to help me fill in some of the missing data, such as values. However, I want to emphasize that only information regarding obverse & reverse copy, as well as composition & size, will only be considered accurate with a photo or rubbing of that token.

Please do not send any information about type errors or corrections without accurate confirmation. Also in this first issue supplement will be an index of all world countries including new abbreviations, capital cities, and monetary units of the countries. Reference to other available world catalogues and special member contacts, as found in the 24 years of Fare Box issues, will be included.

New findings and corrections and revisions will be acknowledged when and where possible, either in The Fare Box or the next edition supplement. I look forward to hearing from any and all members and interested collectors. Computer program versions will also be available. Please send your requests and comments to:

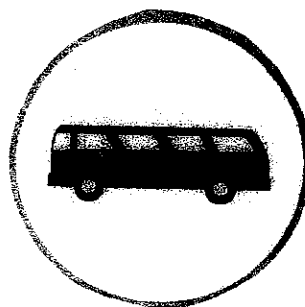
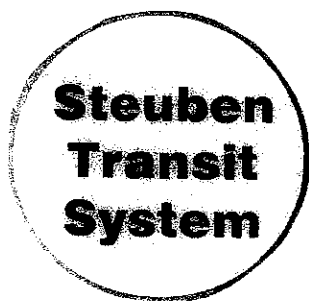
= Bill Weber, AVA Vice-President and Committee Chairman, World Supplement =

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### NEW THICK PLASTIC TOKEN FROM CORNING, NY

Last year Joe Radomski found a new token in use in Corning, NY, by the Steuben Transit System. We were unable to get anything from them until recently, when Hal Ford called and they sent him a couple of the new token. It is 38mm pink plastic with black lettering, 4mm thick, inscribed STEUBEN / TRANSIT / SYSTEM // (bus). Corning is in Steuben County, hence the name of the system.

The token has been in use for a couple of years, and is used by various social service agencies, being good for a \$1.00 fare. Harold was also informed that NY 150 E, the green plastic CEATS token, was reordered, so the "(500 issued)" note in the Supplement listing on page 48 should be removed. We don't know how many were in the new order, but probably another 500. Incidentally the reordered token is just slightly different from 150 E in the color shade and the size of the lettering. But the difference is so slight it doesn't even warrant a minor variety letter, we decided. The new token is pictured below, exact size.



THE TOKENS OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA  
By Wally G. Shidler



I recently visited the Monterey Park, California, City Hall in search of the tokens mentioned on the front page of the October 2003 issue of the Fare box.

As it was explained to me by a lady in the office, the tokens were discontinued about two years ago. They were given to students to ride the local bus system around the city. They gave them to the Boys & Girls Club to give out. They were discontinued because they were being used in quarter vending machines. There were two types: one was silver color and one was copper color.

The lady did not have any examples in the office. However she said she would check with their transportation contractor and see if he had any left. She said she would send me one if she was able to obtain them from the contractor. Lo and behold, two days later the two tokens arrived in the mail without explanation. I never thought I would get them.

When I was at the office, she gave me five plastic tokens that had been used as promotional items. They are also no longer in use. They were given away. There are five colors, to correspond with their five routes: Route 1 RED, Route 2, ORANGE, Route 3 BLUE, Route 4 GREEN, Route 5 YELLOW. The lettering is black and the two stars and SPIRIT are in silver. The reverse is blank. I could not obtain any additional examples.

The lady in the office was not very helpful and did not seem to be interested in discussing the tokens with me. I had to "pry" any information about them. I don't think she was there when the tokens were in use.

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THE THREE CARDBOARD DEPOTELS OF CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA

Shane Cornell recently sent me photocopies of these three extremely rare tokens, and asked me to note the correction on OK 180 B. The Catalogue has "Oklahoma" spelled out on the obverse. The token actually has only "Okla." You will want to correct the listing on Page 452. There may be only one of these known, and the token photocopied is not in the best condition, as you can see. Note also the arrangement of the wording on 180 D, which differs from how it is listed in the Catalogue Supplement. In listing tokens we usually list the company name first, so that finding it in the Token Identifier will be simple, even if something else appears above the company name. The three tokens are pictured below.



OK 180 B



OK 180 C



OK 180 D

## POSSIBLE LEADS ON SOME UNLISTED AMUSEMENT RIDE TOKENS

By John Coffee

A while back Louis Crawford sent me a bunch of print-outs of web sites of amusement parks, which mention the use of tokens. I'm going to list them here, and possibly some nearby members can check them out and let us know. Many of them probably operate only in the summer, so this is something to put on hold for a few more months. Obviously some of these are false leads, and in some cases even where they do use tokens, the tokens do not contain the wording necessary to qualify for listing. Remember that amusement ride tokens must contain some wording indicating they are good for a ride, such as "admit one," "token," or the like.

BIRMINGHAM, AL. On August 31, 2002, the Birmingham Zoo opened a new children's zoo which includes an "Endangered Species Carousel." Tokens for the carousel, which are also good to ride the Zoo Train, are being used.

SAVANNAH, GA. The Savannah Mall has a carousel that uses tokens.

COAL VALLEY, IL. The Naibi Zoo has an "Endangered Species Carousel" that uses \$1.50 ride tokens.

TERRE HAUTE, IN. The Honey Creek Mall has kiddie rides that use tokens. The mall is located at 3401 South US Highway 41 in Terre Haute.

DES MOINES, IA. The Heritage Carousel at Union Park uses ride tokens.

OVERLAND PARK, KS (where we had an AVA convention not long ago). There is a carousel and a little train that use ride tokens. The mall is at 11461 West 95th Street in Overland Park.

TRAVERSE CITY, MI. The Grand Traverse Mall (3200 S. Airport Road West) has an antique carousel that uses \$1 ride tokens.

PARAMUS, NJ. Sports World uses gold and silver tokens. The former are for video games. The silver are for rides, but also for other things. Don't know if they would be listable or not.

BROOKLYN, NY. Bryant Park carousel uses \$1.50 ride tokens.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY. The historic Congress Park Carousel, built in 1910, uses tokens that are sold at 2 for \$1 at the Saratoga Springs Visitor Center.

STONYBROOK, NY. The "Three Village Baseball League" uses \$1 tokens that are good for either go-carts or mini-golf. Probably not listable.

LANCASTER, PA. Park City Center has a carousel that uses \$1 tokens.

WILLOW GROVE, PA. The Willow Grove Park Mall has a carousel that is using \$2 tokens.

STERLING, PA. The Cherrywood Fun Park on Pennsylvania Highway 196 has kiddie rides that use tokens.

COLUMBIA, SC. Riverbanks Zoo and Garden has a carousel that uses tokens.

NASHVILLE, TN. Valley Amusement Park at 2440 Music Valley Drive, has lots of kiddie rides and a carousel that use ride tokens (price not given).

ARLINGTON TX. Parks Mall has a carousel that uses tokens.

HOUSTON, TX. Memorial City Mall has a 2-storey carousel that uses \$1 tokens.

SPOKANE, WA. Parks & Recreation has a carousel somewhere that uses \$1 ride tokens.

THAT BULL RIDE TOKEN  
By W.G. Garrison

As for the Bull Ride token (#6 in your article last month about tokens "From the Sublime to the Ridiculous") I also have that token. I thought that I had an answer as to where it came from, but now am rather doubtful. I have a six-page file about a very similar wooden nickel from Minneapolis that was brought to my attention by Eli Bail and by Joel Reznick in December 1994. I eventually confirmed that it was from a bar called Tropics Beach Club at 400 N. Third Ave. in Minneapolis, MN. On 2-15-1996 I wrote to Dick Grinolds asking that he stop by to verify that the token was in use at Tropics, but he apparently was unable to do so.

After several phone calls it was determined that the token was no longer in use. The ride cost \$3.00. In March 1998 Joel said that he would get 240 for the New Issues Service. Apparently that never happened. In July 1998 I called Tropics and they agreed to sell me the remaining supply of 89 tokens which I told Hal and Jim Hemphill would be made available on a first-come first-served basis to AVA members for a SASE. On 4-13-1998 I sent Tropics a check for \$22.25 which was never cashed. The guy who was to mail them had quit. At one point I even stopped by Tropics but it was a Sunday and they were closed.

I used to believe that both tokens were from the same place, but there is no proof of that.

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SOME UNCOMMON GOOD FORTUNE

*Some years ago I used to run a monthly column called "New Finds" wherein members would tell how they had picked up a rare token from a non-AVA source. We all enjoyed sharing and envying these tales of good fortune. Just received is a note from AVA President Bill Sowell, relating some good luck he recently had:*

Did manage a great score recently. Eugene [Johnson] and I had been to a Palm Springs coin show about a month ago and a dealer there from Yucca Valley said he had a "box of tokens in his shop and would bring them in the following day, if he could find them." Of course he could not locate them. We went into his shop two weeks ago Saturday and he still had not located them, but sent us six miles farther up the road to Joshua Tree.

The fellow there showed me a small box of transit tokens, from which I purchased two CA 450 D tokens (still looking for 2 of the 5 varieties) giving him \$2 after he asked 50¢ for the pair. He said he had a large number of tokens at home and said he would bring some in on Monday if we would come back. We did and he handed me the same small box but indicated there were "a couple of pieces in the front that he had found for me." One turned out to be a CA 630 C (Pasadena) with a catalog value of \$50 (indicated on the 2x2), the other was a Tops Taxi token that Louis Crawford had reported a year or so back and was written up in The Fare Box but not listed as we had not seen one. Mike asked me \$25 for both. I asked if he were sure as the Pasadena token was a \$50 piece. He said he had gotten it "very reasonably and was making a profit on it and assumed it would make me happy." It certainly did! We are to go back soon to look through some more of his "many boxes" of tokens.

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THE G.A.T.A. MYSTERY SOLVED

Pictured last month as #15 on page 129 was a plastic token inscribed G.A.T.A. and I wondered about it. Comes now a note from Larry Dziubek reminding me that he had reported this one a year ago. Seems the token in question is an error for PA 615 K, which is just like it but has C.A.T.A. It won't be listed, of course.

JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE  
By Harold V. Ford

ARKANSAS

Fort Smith 360 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
THE/CITY/OF/FORT/SMITH/ARKANSAS/(FLAG over FORT)  
K Wb 38 Sd Fort Smith Transit/\$1 Token/(cartoon bus) \$1.00

ILLINOIS

Quincy 720 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
QUINCY TRANSIT LINES/ONE FARE/(incuse BUS)  
J B 23 Bar RWM /(eagle & stars)(\* 3/02) (15,000 struck) .40

MICHIGAN

Portage 773 (Reported by Dennis Yule)  
THE CROSSROADS/ RWM /(LOGO)  
A B 29 Sd Good For One/Carousel Ride/(carousel horse) 1.00

MINNESOTA

Moorhead 560 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
CLAY COUNTY/RURAL TRANSIT/CCRT  
D Pg 29 Sd (blank)(\* 2002) (white printing) (1,000 issued) 5.50

NEW YORK

Canton 120 (Reported by Roger Bolz)  
BIMIE/BUS/TOURS,/INC.  
A Pg 29 Sd 315-/379-/9935 (white printing)

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte 160 (Reported by Fred Sader)  
1997.McCOLL CENTER FOR VISUAL ART.2004/DREAM.  
CREATE.ENGAGE/(BUILDING)/BUILT IN 1926  
K B 23 Sd Park! Center City/Transit/Trolley/Onstreet Parking/  
(crown)/CHARLOTTE SM/RWM (8mm stainless center) 1.00

WISCONSIN

Antigo 20 (Reported by Jerry Schaeper)  
E.J. MARTIN/LIVERY/ANTIGO, WIS.  
C o A 30 Sd Good For/One Ride/From/Hotel to Depot (Sc) 100.00  
Oshkosh 620 (Reported by Bill Garrison)  
OSHKOSH SAWDUST DAYS/JUNE 30-JULY 4, 2004/(CHIEF  
OSHKOSH)  
I Wer 38 Sd Tip Top Rides/Oshkosh Sawdust Days 2004/Good/For  
One/Free Midway/Ride Redeem/at Carnival/Office .50

PRESENTATION PIECES (Reported by Fred Sader)

BT Sv 39 Sd NC 160 K, but without a few separation marks and rwm  
mintmark, reeded & numbered on edge. Struck in .999  
silver. (200 struck)

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

ON 775 D - add size (23mm)

NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

Bill Sowell reports that the Fort Smith woodnik is a general fare token, probably issued for special occasions, since only 1,000 were issued. The NIS will handle.

Bill Sowell reports that the Quincy, IL, tokens are used for Regular, Student & Senior fares. The regular fare fee is 40¢ and the student & senior rate is 25¢. While the tokens are available I understand they do not push their sales as they also have monthly passes available for regular usage, which represent quite a savings over the purchase of tokens, because they do not discount the tokens on multiple purchases. Almost makes me believe they have issued the tokens as a tie to the past as they are nearly identical to the IL 720 E thru I, which the lady I dealt with told me was intentional. It will be handled by the New Issues Service.

Dennis Yule reports the Portage, MI, token is used at a carousel located in the food court of the Crossroads Mall. Dennis has obtained a supply for N.I.S. members.

Clay County Rural Transit of Moorhead, MN, operates two routes. One is Moorhead to Detroit Lakes, and the other is Moorhead to Barnesville. The bus will stop at any corner along a route when a passenger signals the driver to stop. The listed token is used as the second half of a round trip anywhere along the two routes, hence it has a variety of values. There is a shortage of tokens since the local authority does not want to go to the expense to issue different tokens for each different destination/fare. The N.I.S. will not handle this one since the remaining supply is on the low side. Bill notes the generic token we have listed as WA 710 E was initially used for a short time prior to the listed plastic, by this bus line.

The Canton, NY, listing was pictured last month (as #14). This special use token will probably not be available thru the N.I.S.

Charlotte, NC 160 K is the latest of a continuing series of multi-use tokens. This year it features the McColl Center For Visual Arts, built in 1926, and was a functioning ARP Presbyterian Church for many years. Heavily damaged by a fire in 1985, it was rebuilt and now hosts an artist-in-residence program. Fred Sader has obtained a supply for our New Issues Service.

The similar Presentation Piece listing may still be available thru the "Park It" office at 704-375-3177. It was struck by Silvertowne Mint and sells for \$20.

Jerry Schaeper discovered the first depotel token from Antigo, WI, at a show in Louisville, KY. He ended 2003 "on a real bang."

Oshkosh Sawdust Days issued their 2004 woodnik early, in anticipation of this summer's annual carnival. We listed their first issue 9/03. This bi-colored (black obverse, red reverse) issue is available to NIS members thanks to Bill Garrison.

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WHERE IS IT FROM?



Above are enlarged photos, obverse & reverse, of a 25mm aluminum token found by Shane Cornell at a flea market in Tulsa, OK, from a vendor who came from Missouri. I believe it's a typical hack, depotel type token, used prior to World War I. A beautiful token, but where is it from?

= SUPPLEMENT # JVP-53 TO THE FIFTH EDITION =  
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ILLINOIS

LAKE FOREST-3480

THE CITY OF / LAKE FOREST (tree)

A B 23 Sd Daily / Parking / Token 1.00

SOUTH CAROLINA

CLEMSON-3250

CITY OF CLEMSON / SOUTH CAROLINA (logo)(8mm brass center)

A A 20 Sd Shop Clemson / 1 / Hour / Parking Token 1.00

PTUN (Reported by V Nolan)

PARKING / ELPA / SYSTEMS

3154 Bz 20 Sd (blank)

ENGLAND

ENGLPTMS-3055 (Reported by V Nolan)

UNIVERSAL / PARKING

A o B 27 Sd (same as obverse) 2.00

GERMANY

KAISERSLAUTERN-3450

BUS UND PARKHAUSMÜNZE / TWK UND STADT KAISERSLAUTERN (shield and logo)

B B 31 Sd Hier Sind Sie / Kaiser / in Lautern / Werbegemeinschaft e.

V. (crown)

2.00

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =  
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LAKE FOREST has public parking lots where a parking token can be inserted into a box corresponding to the parking space your car occupies in the lot.

Clemson, SC has recently instituted a parking token program.

The PTUN token was found by Vic Nolan in a batch of foreign pieces. It would appear to be a foreign PT.

The England token has been obsolete for about two years. The company was known as UNIVERSAL PARKING SYSTEMS. They have since merged with WEMAART PARKING SYSTEMS, a Netherlands based company.

The German token is a bus ride and parking token. Various shops in the town distribute the tokens to patrons that spend a minimum of 20 euros.

Tokens are in use at:

CHATTANOOGA STATE CONTINUING EDUCATION  
535 CHESTNUT ST.  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN 37402.

No response or info.

Same story at:

CALVARY CHAPEL CHURCH  
175 MARKET ST,  
ROCKLAND, MASS. 02370.

Bob Thomas (a voice from the distant past) noted the listing for Frederick MD. He has given me information regarding their use. The tokens are NOT in general use in the city. They are used for the parking deck at the C. BURR CENTRAL LIBRARY from 8 till 6 PM. After that time if you fail to obtain a token one dollar is required to exit. They are also in use at one of the downtown parking garages that has limited spaces for library patrons that have a token to exit. Otherwise, again, one dollar or four quarters are required to exit. The tokens have been in use approximately 3 years. Thank you Bob for the background.

If you have any unlisted or new variety of parking token, please send me a complete description and rubbing so that I may catalogue it.

FIESEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =

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# A D THE FARE BOX T I O N

## J A N U A R Y 2 0 0 4

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Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2, 1 or full page) must be sent to the Fare Box editor. Ads must reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue, or they will be held for next month's issue. Exception would be if the editor decides on an earlier date of issue. Use the 2-letter State abbreviation in your ad, as well as your name, address and complete 9-digit zip code, which can be found by looking at a previous ad, or in the AVA membership roster. Submit only ONE ad per category. More will be combined into one ad, or held for next month's issue. Please, only ads relating to items listed in publications of the American Vecturist Association.

01 AUCTION CLOSE FEB. 28	03 BUY	25 SALE
<p>Start bids, At cat. [OK] 70-B; 640-J; 860-D, K, Lb. Next at 1.5 cat.: [OK] 210-A; 610-B; 860-G, N; 1000-A (cat = 2.00); [ND] 320-Aa, Bb; [NC] 40-B; 380-B; 980-Cb; Next at 2X cat: [OK] 380-Bb; 610-A; 860-I, J; [ND] 320-D; 440-A(1mm); 900-C; [NC] 240-Aa; 380-C; 475-B; 545-A(1.5mm); 625-A; 710-B; 770-B; 880-A.</p> <p>Gene Herford 1527 Tulip Court Longmont CO 80501-2454</p> <p>Bidders pay P&amp;I. No penny bids or phone bids. Lot 1 [CA] 760-A. Lot 2 [CA] 760-B. Lot 3 [CO] 280-A. Lot 4 [ID] 65-A. Lot 5 [NY] 630-AR. Lot 6 [PA] 445-C. Lot 7 [UT] 300-A.</p> <p>Doug Redies 3525 Windsor Ave. #119 Dubuque IA 52001-</p>	<p>[TX] transportation, parking and car wash tokens. Need nearly all. Please price.</p> <p>Walt Hinkle 518 Main Van Buren AR 72956-5110</p> <p><b>15 MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <p>Transit tickets. I'm looking for (1) other collectors (2) anyone who wants to sell. I'll pay good prices. (3) anyone who wants to trade. I have many really nice tickets to offer (all states). Please call or write. 919-468-5510. Thanks.</p> <p>Dan Benice P O Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708</p>	<p>25 different TT's \$7.50 plus \$1.50 postage. B.P.O. Elks, Allegan MI. Good for \$1.00. \$5.00 plus SASE. Books of transfer and ride tickets - Twin City Motor Transit. \$1.50 each plus \$1.00 for postage. Chrome fare box with coin container. Send SASE for information.</p> <p>"School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p> <p>The following tokens for 50¢ each and only 1 37¢ stamp: Mfg. Samples Group 11-F; 13-F; 14-A, C. Puerto Rico 640-D, E; Philippines 500-D; Turkey 400-A. I have several of each so if you need any please write.</p> <p>Mort Dawson 100 Oakwood Ave. B-3 West Hartford CT 06119-2149</p>

(Ads continued on next page)

### AN EARLY AD OFFERING TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

Just to show that transportation token collecting is a venerable hobby, here is an ad sent to us by Rich Hartzog, from the April 1934 issue of THE HOME HOBBY:

TRANSPORTATION TOKENS [5 TT's are illustrated] of metal or composition, used for fare on Street Cars, Elevated Ry's., Busses, Ferrys, Bridges, Wharves and Tunnels. These tokens are steadily growing in numismatic favor, because of their interesting history and variety of design. See THE NUMISMATIST Aug. 1931 issue, for interesting article on this subject. Our stock is fairly complete and all orders are filled on receipt. Try us with an order for these "hard to find" items. Collection of 8 different, \$1.00. Entire collections bought, or taken in exchange for other numismatic items. Send 3¢ stamp for complete eight page list.

KOIN-X-CHANGE - 35 S. Dearborn St., Box HH - Chicago, Ill.

23 SALE	23 SALE	30 TRADE
My sale list of 2422 different TT's includes 184 with catalog values up to \$30 for sale at catalogue or less. There is still one set of 600 different TT's for \$350. Also a list of 200 foreign TT's. Send \$1.00 for lists. <i>Bill Garrison</i> 9505 Normandy Avenue Morton Grove IL 60053-1337	Attention NY commuters: Cheaper than E-Z Pay! Current NY 630-BC - value \$1.75. Sell (1) EF \$1.50, (10) Cir. \$12.50; Current NY 630-BD - Value \$3.50 sell (1) EF \$2.75. (10) Circ. \$25.00. All postpaid. <i>Bob Hewey</i> 33 Rosewood Lane Bolton CT 06043-7517	How can you refuse this offer? Two TT's for one TT. Send up to 30 different TT's and I will send you up to 60 TT of my choice. Send \$2.50 with your order. E-mail: schoolbusben@cs.com "School Bus" Ben 215 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924
Foreign TT's for sale. Heavy in French but some German and others. Send a SASE for list or email me at smcome@ix.netcom.com <i>Shane Cornell</i> P O Box 277 Jenks OK 74037-0277	30 TRADE	40 WANTED
[OK] 10-A (6.50); 330-E (5.75); 640-A (1.5mm/\$12); 720-B (4.25); [NC] 690-E (8.10); 700-B (6.60) PP if 2 or more. <i>Gene Hurford</i> 1527 Tulip Court Longmont CO 80501-2454	Let's trade. Send your TT list, receive mine. Have other varied tokens and exomunia to trade for TT's. <i>John Ciecka</i> 1540 Society Hill Dr. Bensalem PA 19020-3689	Needed these Koontz EquipmentCorp. parking related tokens: [PSTM] 3001-Db, F, G, H, K, N, R, S; [PTRE] 3999-B, C, F, G; [PTUN] 3101-. <i>Larry Dziubek</i> P O Box 235 Connoquehessing PA 16027-
	Trade for tokens \$75 and up from Iowa towns. Trade tokens [AL] 800-A; [IL] 150-Q; [IA] 310-A; 590-A, B; [WI] 790-B; 880-A. <i>Doug Redies</i> 3525 Windsor Ave. #119 Dubuque IA 52001-	[IL] 580-all; 745-A; 760-most; 815-all; [IN] all; [MN] 70-all; [MO] 75-all; [WI] 300-all; 520-all; 615-A; [IA] all. Most catalogue over \$50. <i>Doug Redies</i> 3525 Windsor Ave. #119 Dubuque IA 52001-

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Age 24. Collects U.S. emc@bust.com (Bill Weber)

S.E.

## REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

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- 3099 Robert A. Barron - 842 Vermont Ave. - Pittsburgh, PA 15234
- 2912 Jack J. Davis - 12516 S.E. 32nd St., #26 - Bellevue, WA 98005-4369
- 1557 Douglas E. Peters - 706 Glenwood St. - Emmaus, PA 18049
- 804 Robert E. Torres - 5934 Halifax Pl. - Sarasota, FL 34232 (941-685-7135)

RESIGNATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP: 2734 Carl Bangora; 3105 Robert Fetch; 2993 Steve Rosenberg; 2687 Martin Winfree. Martin says his resignation is only temporary.

# THE FARE BOX

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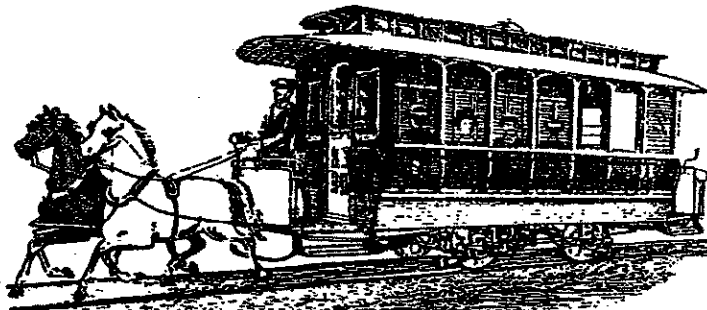
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OUR 680th ISSUE

LOUIS H. CRAWFORD JR. and M.C. SMITH

We have lost two old friends. Louis joined us when he was only 10 years old, introduced to the hobby by his father who was also a member. When Louis finished college he became one of our most active members, and served us as Secretary for several years before coming down with a tumor on his neck. I visited him in his beautiful new home in Jackson in July, 2002, and he seemed to have recovered completely. But it came back, and he died February 24, at age 46. He is survived by his wife Lura, whom he met on the job working for the State of Mississippi. I miss him poignantly.

Maishe C. Smith, AVA 2206, of Arlington, Texas, joined us in 1984. Listed as a University Professor, Maishe later became a bank president, and was 81 at the time of his death. A wonderful friend, an active collector. If only there were more like him in the world.

March 9. We have received the new 8-Year Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue from the printer. This 120-page book brings your catalogue up to date as of December 2003. There is an announcement inside this issue. Don't wait too long to order as we have sold out each year. We printed 250 copies and the price is still only \$5.00 which includes first class postage. Order from the Editor.

I just got off the phone with Joel Reznick. Our 2004 Annual Convention will be held in Charlotte, NC, August 12-15. Joel leaves for Charlotte tomorrow to check out sites. We'll have an announcement for you probably next month.

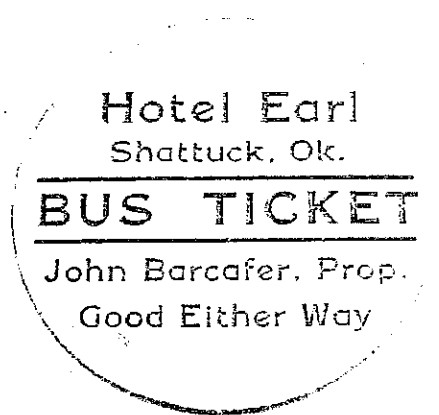
New York stopped using tokens on their subways some time back, but NY 630 BJ continued in use on the Roosevelt Island Tram. Now even the tram has stopped using tokens. Metrocards only. If you get to NYC, the Roosevelt Island Tram is a great way to see some of the sites. Roosevelt Island formerly was known as Welfare Island, and was home to jails, hospitals, and asylums. The tram was built in 1976, and you can see it in the movie "Spiderman."

Gary Scozzafava reports a 32mm brass token inscribed "Radio Taxi / 633-4200" on both sides. I just called the number and was told they are no longer in the taxi business, but the gentleman said he might find a couple tokens for me and promised to send them, if he can find them. He did say they had 2 different kinds.

Together with this issue you will find the Index to Volume 57 (2003), on the back of which is a list of all tokens reported in supplements in 2003. This is not part of this issue, and should be put with your December 2003 Fare Box.



Shane Cornell keeps us abreast of new discoveries in his home state, and in this month's Catalogue Supplement you will find a new one listed for Shattuck, OK, owned by Johnny Satterlee. I used to look upon these round cardboards with disdain, but I have come to have a special affection for them. All of them were issued prior to World War I, and they have about them a delightful odor of antiquity. And they are rare as rare can be, for most were destroyed. Cardboard doesn't wear well across the decades. There is a photo of the token below (reverse is blank). To its right is another one reported by Shane, similar to Unidentified #254. This new one is aluminum and was dug out of the ground. The photo shows the corrosion consequent to long interment, and I hope the picture comes out OK. As both this one and 254 were found in Oklahoma, the tokens almost certainly were used there.



Bob Kelley reports 4 new carousel tokens in use in Las Vegas. One of them has already been described in The Fare Box (but not yet listed). A second one is 23mm brass: "Family Entertainment / No / Cash / Value / hh // Good For / One / Carousel / Ride" and a 3rd one is "Las Vegas / Outlet / Center / Nevada // Good For / One / Carousel / Ride" (with hh mintmark on obverse). A 4th one is fascinating: "Menagerie Carousel / Meadows Mall / ncm / Las Vegas, Nevada // Meadows Mall / Good For One Spin!!!" this one is 25mm copper. The other 3 are 23mm brass. As we have members in Las Vegas, I am hoping we'll be able to get these for the New Issues Service.

My list of possible carousel tokens last month inspired several members to do some investigating. Fred Ryan checked out the Valley Amusement Park in Nashville and found a 29mm brass sold at 25 for \$20, or \$1 each. The token is "Nashville Valley Fair Trade Token / \$1.00 / Not Legal Tender // Nashville / (top of carousel) / Valley Fair / Amusement / Park" but as it has nothing about being good for a ride, and conceivably could be for other stuff at the park, probably we won't list it. Fred says the token won't be used next year, but new ones will.

Bill Garrison found a \$1.50 brass 25mm listable token used on the carousel at the Naibi Zoo in Coal Valley, IL. The token is "No / Cash / Value / hm // Good For / One / Carousel / Ride / hh" interesting in that it has the "hm" mintmark on one side, and "hh" on the other side. Bill will see about getting a supply for our New Issues Service. Bill also called Park City Center in Lancaster, PA, and was told they use a "gold colored" token but it's not listable as it has simply "No Cash Value" on obverse, and an eagle on the reverse. Then he called Saratoga Springs, NY, and was told they do use a token "but the telephone operator was of the opinion that it is a commemorative and not sure if it is good for a fare." He will keep checking to be sure.

John Tolson sends me lots of information on the Clifton Rocks Railway, an item of which was mentioned last month on the front page. Several other members also sent information. It opened in 1893 in Great Britain.

I still have a handful of the One Pound National Transport Token mentioned last month for sale at \$1.75 (face value) postpaid.

## THE MAN BEHIND THE N.I.S. - A LABOR OF LOVE

By Ron Geppert

Who is this man of the New Issues Service that sends me an envelope of new tokens each month? Before I answer that question let me provide a little background information on the New Issues Service. It was begun by John G. Nicolosi, L-116, in 1955. Needless to say he was the first NIS manager and carried the ball until 1983 when James D. Hemphill assumed the reins of management. Jim did a remarkable job for the next 16 years until his sudden and unexpected death (major heart attack) in 1999. Barbara Hemphill decided to continue the service in Jim's name but it became too much for her with her numerous other obligations and hobbies. Mr. William Sowell relieved Barbara of the task in November, 1999, and mailed his first shipment on December 26, 1999. Thus he is only the third manager of the New Issues Service.

Bill lives in Cathedral City, CA (114 miles east of Los Angeles on I-10) and has been a retired bus driver for four years. Bill is married to Jenine and they have five children. He entered the token collecting hobby in 1990 and collects U.S., Canadian and other Western Hemisphere transit tokens. This dedicated man spends innumerable hours each month ensuring that the 186 members of the NIS receive their new tokens.

Various members procure the tokens for the NIS but many times it is left up to Bill to make the contacts and secure enough for each mailing. On the average, six to eight tokens are mailed out each month. The tokens require a separate little envelope for each one that must have the token catalogue number stamped on it. This is done by using a Rogers Printing Kit that has removable rubber letters and numbers which are inserted into a holder with attached handle. The envelopes are then laid out sixty at a time and stamped by hand. Then each envelope must be accurately stuffed with the correct token, ably completed by Bill's assistant Jenine. Next they are organized into groups of 60 and placed in Postal Service tubs, after they have been laid out 40 at a time and both "first class mail" and the return address are stamped on each mailer to which the proper postage is also applied. You have noticed that Bill and Jenine do not make many mistakes. At least I have not seen one. The preprinted statement forms are stamped with the date, shipment number, annotated as to beginning balance, shipment total and ending balance. This information is also entered on each member's account ledger sheet.

The address labels are printed using his computer and placed beside the completed statements. An address label is applied to one of the stuffed mailers, the appropriate statement form enclosed and finally the mailer is sealed. If the shipment reduces the member's account below the required \$15 minimum, the ending balance on the statement and the member's name on the address label are highlighted in yellow as a reminder. When a member's account balance is insufficient to supply the tokens, he/she (they) are written a reminder letter. (Please watch your balance because Bill certainly has enough to do without sending reminders.) For the two Canadian, one Swedish and one Czech Republic members the mailers must also have a customs declaration attached. Each shipment consumes approximately thirty man/woman hours to assemble, pack, address and mail.

About five days following the mailing of an NIS shipment, the deposit checks begin rolling in to update account balances. On receipt, each envelope has the member's NIS account number placed in the upper left hand corner, the date of receipt stamped on the envelope below the return address, the envelopes are arranged in account number sequence and opened. The amount of the check is written below the date stamp and the member's number written on the upper left hand corner of the check. the ledger sheets are updated directly from the check with the date received, amount in the plus column and the balance in the right hand column of the appropriate member's page. Then the checks are each listed on a "deposit summary" sheet for deposit when completed. They are also identified with a "deposit to account no." stamp and clipped to the cover of the booklet. The member's number is entered between the check number and the amount on the carbon of the deposit summary for a cross check.

Empty envelopes are stored in a box in numerical order as a second cross check and the previous envelope is removed. Checks continue to arrive for about another three to four weeks.

Bill told me that he would guess he spends another seventy to ninety hours per month with other duties as the NIS manager. He follows up on leads and acquires, when possible, new tokens for the NIS, logs in the new tokens keeping track of their number, cost and pricing to members. Other duties include answering member's correspondence, welcoming all new members to the AVA and informing them of the services provided by the NIS. Keep in mind that he does all this each month for 186 NIS members with his donated time. I did the math and that averages out to be anywhere from 1.4 to 2.5 hours per token shipped.

So now you know that the single padded envelope that arrives in your mail eight or nine times per years does not just magically happen for your benefit. The magician behind all those envelopes is Bill Sowell and he deserves a standing ovation from all us NIS members. He certainly has redefined "Labor of love." Let's hear it for Bill!

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#### NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER THE NEW 8-YEAR CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT

Just received is the new 120-page EIGHT YEAR SUPPLEMENT to the Atwood Coffee Catalogue. This book contains all new listings as reported in issues of THE FARE BOX from the time the book was published in 1996 up to and including the December 2003 issue. These are made available to us thanks to the efforts of Ted Meyers and his friendly and very inexpensive printer friend in Vermont. The book also includes all the price revisions from the June 2002 Fare Box.

The price to members is only \$5.00 which includes first class postage of \$1.52. We printed 250 copies, and if we sell them all we'll break even with a slight profit to the Catalogue Fund. The entire print run was sold out last year and the two previous years, so don't wait too long to order. Frankly I don't know anywhere else you can get a printed 120-page book for what amounts to only \$3.40 plus postage.

Remember to use the new address when ordering: The Fare Box - P.O. Box 961207 - Boston, MA 02196-1207.

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#### NEW SUPPLEMENT TO THE WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CATALOGUE

Thanks to Charles Hodder for giving us additions to the listings of former USSR countries, as these will now be included in the first edition. And Shane Cornell for the addition of French transportation token listings, also to be included in this new edition. From my own collection there will be a number of new listings from Australia. Their input will also have new values added to many of these tokens, making this first supplement worth the effort, and a great beginning toward a new World Catalogue in the near future.

I would like to invite our out-of-country members to participate in this project. Since this catalogue is regarding world transportation tokens their input is especially welcome and important. Your interest and comments are needed to make this supplement more accurate and complete. I look forward to hearing from all members and interested collectors. Please send your requests and comments to Bill Weber, Vice President and Chairman of the World Transportation Token Catalogue Supplement at 6758 KOA Drive - New Tripoli, PA 18066. Email: [lou8066@aol.com](mailto:lou8066@aol.com)

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RECENT PRICES REALIZED ON EBAY: CA 575 Aa \$104.70; KS 900 A (worn & damaged) \$203.50; KY 510 F \$108.50; MA 115 B \$315; MA 970 A \$567 (wow!); MN 730 A (G to VG only) \$326.85; NE 700 A \$113.50; NM 40 A \$150.49; NY 890 C \$102.76; OH 726 A \$105.10; PA 125 A \$53.05 (brought \$292 at AVA auction last year!); WA 590 B \$232.50; WV 100 B \$104.50.

## FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

By Harold V. Ford

CONNECTICUT

Manchester 240 (Reported by Bob Hewey)

THE SHOPPES AT/BUCKLAND HILLS/HM

B B 29 Sd BH (logo)/Carousel Token \$1.00

MICHIGAN

Adrian 5 (Reported by Bill Sowell)

LENAWEE/TRANSPORTATION/CORP

Q Pr 29 Sd Good For One/Bus Ride/L.T.C. (gold printing)(625 made) 2.00  
(\* 11/24/03)

R Pz 29 Sd " " " 1.00

S Pb 29 Sd " " (425 made) 1.00

NEW YORK

Corning 150 (Reported by Joe Radomski)

STEUBEN/TRANSIT/SYSTEM

F Pp 38 Sd (bus)(black printing) 1.00

OKLAHOMA

Shattuck 795 (Reported by Johnny Satterlee)

HOTEL EARL/SHATTUCK, OK./JOHN BARCAFER, PROP./

GOOD EITHER WAY/BUS TICKET

A o Fy 38 Sd (blank) 75.00

MISCELLANEOUS 1000 (Reported by Johnny Satterlee)FOR HOMESITES/SEE/BUREN B. DAY/12 N.E. 2nd ST./  
OKLAHOMA CITY/FREE TRIPS/TO/FREEDOM CITYB o We 32 Sd This Wooden Nickel/Good For/\$5.00 as a/Down Payment/  
On a Homesite/at/Freedom CityUNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Shane Cornell)

A.S. MITCHELL'S/BUS LINE

282 A Oc Sd Good For/One Ride/15¢ (25mm)

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## NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

Bob Hewey reports the carousel token we list as CT 240 B is sold via vending machine. He has offered to obtain a supply for the New Issues Service.

Bill Sowell reports that Adrian, MI 5 Q is a full adult fare, or for children over age 10 traveling alone; MI 5 R is a senior fare; MI 5 S is for mental health and disability service groups. Bill contacted the local authority and obtained a supply for the New Issues Service.

The Corning, NY, thick pink plastic token was pictured on page 2 last month. The local authority reports they "currently have none to spare." There is hope down the road when they reorder a new supply.

Johnny Satterlee reports another old round fibre depotel token from Oklahoma. These old fibre tokens seem to be regional, mainly Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas.

The OK Misc 1000 listing is an old style wood issue, circa late 1950s or early 1960's, I suppose.

The Unidentified listing was pictured on page 7 last month. Internet research may be able to find a location for this one.

= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-54 TO FEISEL'S FIFTH =

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NEW YORK

CORNING-3150

	CORNING / N Y (circle of stars)(two props)	
A B 25 Sd	Parking / Token (auto)	1.00

NETHERLANDS

NETHPTMS-3053

A WM 23 Sd	TS / M (All in a circle and square logo) [TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS] (same as obverse)	1.00
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NETHPTMS-3054

A Bz 27 Sd	THOLE PARKEERSYSTEMEN / TPS 027D1.8 / THOLE / HOLLAND / ENSCHEDE (same as obverse)	1.00
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NETHPTMS-3055

A B 22 Sd	WAARDEMUNT / PARKEERSYSTEEM VDO	1.00
B WM 26 Sd	VDO	1.00

NETHPTMS-3056

A o B 28 Sd	CORE-PARK / R / CORE / COMPUTERS (apple core) Llijn / Automaten / Schoonhoven / Holland	1.00
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B o WM 28 Sd	Llijn / Automaten / Schoonhoven / Holland	1.00
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NETHPTMS-3057

A B 26 Sd	P (Used at Koning & Hartman Elektrotechniek) (blank)	1.00
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NETHPTMS-3058

A B 22 Ch	PARKEERTECHNIEK (same as obverse)	1.00
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NETHPTMS-3059

A B 27 Sd	W P S [WEMAART PARKING SYSTEMS] (same as obverse)	1.50
B B 27 Sd	(blank)	1.50

= ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS =

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NJ-3840-A:correct as follows:delete (prop) on rev & add to obv

NC-3160-P:correct INN to INNS

WA-3780-AP:delete-already listed as 3780-L

WV-3400-Ac:correct to read: (no; no; rounded)

PTMS-3061-A:add: vars

PTMS-3081-B: add varities: (O&R: Top of COURTESY aligns...)

- a. (T--P) (T--P)
- b. (E--below S) (E--below S)
- c. (E--below S) (below E--S)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

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Corning, NY has just instituted a parking token system.

Wemaart is a gate manufacturer located in the Netherlands with offices in the United Kingdom.

Bob Null found an exceptional error on my part in the catalogue. Delete WA-3780-AP as noted above. Bob also picked up the errors in the catalogue.

Tokens are in use at:

ALTOONA HOSPITAL  
620 HOWARD AVE  
ALTOONA, PA 16601

No response to my inquireys.

The same for:  
RIVERPLACE MARINA  
0315 SW MONTGOMERY ST SUITE 340  
PORTLAND, OR 97201

FIESEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =

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SUPPLEMENT #28 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

BY HAROLD V. FORD

SECOND EDITION

IOWA

Indianola 470

SPRAY ZONE 504 N. JEFFERSON TOUCHLESS AUTOMATIC CAR WASH  
INDIANOLA

C Bz 29 Sd (cartoon auto facing left)(stars) 3.00

NEW YORK

Dolgeville 190 (ex Unid 518)

DOLGEVILLE CAR WASH

A Bz 23 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh 2.50

PENNSYLVANIA

Cherryville 188 (ex Unid 517)

CHERRYVILLE CAR WASH INC BLUE MT DR 1999 (CHERRY)

A Bz 23 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh 2.00

Lancaster 525 (ex Unid 313)

HIGHLAND CAR WASH NON REFUNDABLE NO CASH VALUE

E Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 1.75

Royersford 818

TOM'S CAR WASH ROYERSFORD, PA 25 rwm

B o Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car) 2.00

TEXAS

San Antonio 810

C.HARVEY KINDELL FOR GOODYEAR -TIRES- N.ST.MARYS AT RICHMOND  
CR.7212

H o A 25 Sd Good For 50¢ on Any Purchase of Washing, Greasing Polishing 20.00

WASHINGTON

Spokane 840

BUBBLE MACHINE SEATTLE &amp; SPOKANE BM (LOGO)

L B 27 Sd Carwash Token No Cash Value \$1<sup>00</sup> (10mm stainless steel  
center)(reeded edge) 1.00TOKEN MANUFACTURERS' STOCK TOKENS

## Group 30

CARWASH TOKEN hh (ANTIQUÉ CAR)

AA B 23 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh (WM-plated)

AB Bz 25 Sd Good.For.25 Cents.in.Trade 25 hh

## Group 90

CARWASH TOKEN NON REFUNDABLE NO CASH VALUE hh

Z Bz 25 Sd Freedom (eagle on banner over wreath)

## Group 180

CARWASH TOKEN rwm (TRUCK,CAR,VAN,WITH HORIZ.LINES BEHIND)

X Bz 22 Sd No Cash Value No Refund

## Group 220

CARWASH TOKEN rwm (FRONT OF AUTO)

H Bz 25 Sd 25 (WM-plated)

I Bz 23 Sd No Cash Value rwm

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

TX 623 B, obv. address s/b 1100, not 100

ON 565 A, obv. s/b LANE, not LAND

8th AUCTION OF TOKENS FROM THE W.D. SACKS COLLECTION

1. All bids must be postmarked no later than April 3, 2004
2. Bids under Catalog value WILL NOT be considered unless specially noted.
3. Please bid by LOT # ONLY.
4. Bids over \$5 will be reduced to 10% above the 2nd high bid.
5. Successful bidders are responsible for postage and insurance, and must remit prior to shipment, if requested.
6. Varieties listed are from the Godsoe Varieties Catalog.

MAIL BIDS TO: Joel J. Reznick, 116 Meyerson Way, Wheeling, IL 60090-2101

1. MO 910 U	51. NC 380 D	101. ND 600 E	151. OH 165 AF	201. OH 440 L	251. OH 860 P
2. MO 910 Wa	52. NC 380 E	102. ND 600 F	152. OH 165 AJ	202. OH 440 M	252. OH 860 S
3. MT 480 Ia	53. NC 450 A	103. ND 900 A	153. OH 166 Ab	203. OH 440 N	253. OH 860 U
4. MT 480 J	54. NC 450 B	104. ND 900 B	154. OH 175 H edg dam	204. OH 440 O	254. OH 915 A
5. MT 660 Cd	55. NC 450 Ca	105. ND 900 C	155. OH 175 W	205. OH 440 P	255. OH 915 B
6. NV 500 Cb	56. NC 450 Db	106. OH 10 Aa	156. OH 175 Xa	206. OH 450 D	256. OH 915 C
7. NH 500 B	57. NC 450 E	107. OH 10 Ab	157. OH 175 Xb	207. OH 465 D	257. OH 915 F
8. NJ 95 A	58. NC 470 A	108. OH 10 B thin	158. OH 175 Zc	208. OH 475 D-3	258. OH 915 G
9. NJ 115 J	59. NC 475 A coated	109. OH 10 C	159. OH 175 AAa	209. OH 475 D-28	259. OH 995 Ca
10. NJ 710 A	60. NC 475 B	110. OH 10 D	160. OH 175 AAb	210. OH 475 H	260. OH 1000 K
11. NJ 710 B	61. NC 545 A thin	111. OH 10 E	161. OH 175 AF w/unpn	211. OH 475 I	261. OH 1000 O
12. NM 430 A	62. NC 545 B thick	112. OH 10 F	162. OH 200 Aa	212. OH 505 Ab	262. OH 1000 P
13. NY 615 C	63. NC 625 A	113. OH 10 K	163. OH 200 Ab	213. OH 515 B	263. OH CT #1
14. NY 629 K	64. NC 630 A	114. OH 10 L	164. OH 200 B	214. OH 515 C	264. OH CT #2
15. NY 630 Lb edg dnt	65. NC 660 Aa	115. OH 10 M	165. OH 200 C	215. OH 520 Aa	265. OH CT #3
16. NY 630 AE	66. NC 670 A	116. OH 10 N	166. OH 210 D	216. OH 520 B	266. OH CT #4
17. NY 630 AP	67. NC 680 B	117. OH 15 A	167. OH 210 E	217. OH 520 Ca	267. OH CT #5
18. NY 745 Ab	68. NC 680 C	118. OH 15 B	168. OH 230 G	218. OH 520 E	268. OH CT #6
19. NY 780 B	69. NC 690 A	119. OH 15 E	169. OH 230 H pristine	219. OH 520 F	269. OK 20 A
20. NY 780 Lb	70. NC 690 C	120. OH 15 F	170. OH 230 M	220. OH 535 D	270. OK 70 A
21. NY 780 Pa	71. NC 690 D	121. OH 15 G	171. OH 230 N	221. OH 552 A	271. OK 70 B
22. NY 945 Df	72. NC 690 E	122. OH 15 H	172. OH 230 O	222. OH 552 B	272. OK 70 C
23. NJ 945 Ee	73. NC 700 A	123. OH 25 A	173. OH 230 P	223. OH 552 C	273. OK 210 A
24. NY 955 Aa	74. NC 700 B	124. OH 35 B dug	174. OH 230 Q	224. OH 560 A	274. OK 280 A
25. NY 955 B	75. NC 700 Cb	125. OH 35 C	175. OH 230 R	225. OH 590 A	275. OK 320 B
26. NY 980 A	76. NC 700 D	126. OH 35 F	176. OH 230 S	226. OH 605 A lg ltrs	276. OK 570 A
27. NY 980 B	77. NC 700 E	127. OH 35 G	177. OH 230 T	227. OH 605 A sm ltrs	277. OK 590 B
28. NY 980 C	78. NC 700 F	128. OH 80 B	178. OH 230 U	228. OH 605 B	278. OK 610 A
29. NY 995 B	79. NC 710 B	129. OH 95 Aa	179. OH 230 AG	229. OH 605 C dk blue	279. OK 610 B
30. NY 995 C	80. NC 730 A	130. OH 115 Aa	180. OH 230 AH	230. OH 605 C md blue	280. OK 610 C
31. NY 998 G	81. NC 770 B	131. OH 125 Ag	181. OH 380 A	231. OH 605 C lt blue	281. OK 640 Aa
32. NY 1000 A	82. NC 830 Ac	132. OH 125 C	182. OH 380 C	232. OH 605 D	282. OK 640 Ab
33. NY 1000 D	83. NC 880 A	133. OH 125 D	183. OH 380 G	233. OH 605 E	283. OK 640 Ga
34. NC 20 A	84. NC 880 B	134. OH 125 F	184. OH 385 E	234. OH 660 B	*284. OK 640 I
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36. NC 30 D	86. NC 980 B	136. OH 125 J	186. OH 435 A	236. OH 660 D	286. OK 770 B
37. NC 40 B	87. NC 980 Ca	137. OH 160 A	187. OH 435 Ba	237. OH 660 E	287. OK 770 C
38. NC 130 A	88. NC 980 E	138. OH 160 C	188. OH 435 C	238. OH 660 Fa	288. OK 860 D
39. NC 130 Bb	89. NC 980 F	139. OH 160 D	189. OH 435 Db	239. OH 660 Fb	289. OK 860 G
40. NC 160 A	90. NC 980 G	140. OH 160 Eb	190. OH 440 Ac	240. OH 660 G	290. OK 860 I
41. NC 190 A	91. ND 60 D	141. OH 165 G	191. OH 440 Bb	241. OH 735 A	291. OK 860 J
42. NC 190 B	92. ND 260 Ba	142. OH 165 Hb	192. OH 440 Cf	242. OH 745 B	292. OK 860 K
43. NC 190 C	93. ND 260 Bb	143. OH 165 M	193. OH 440 E	243. OH 745 C	293. OK 860 Ma
44. NC 190 Da	94. ND 260 L	144. OH 165 N	194. OH 440 F	244. OH 745 D	294. OK 860 N
45. NC 240 Aa	95. ND 320 Aa	145. OH 165 O	195. OH 440 G	245. OH 745 E	295. OK 860 Qa
46. NC 290 B	96. ND 320 Ba	146. OH 165 P	196. OH 440 H	246. OH 750 A	296. OK 860 T
47. NC 290 C	97. ND 320 Bb	147. OH 165 Q	197. OH 440 I	247. OH 850 A	297. OK 860 U
48. NC 290 D	98. ND 320 D	148. OH 165 Ra	198. OH 440 Ja	248. OH 860 B	298. OK 1000 A
49. NC 380 B	99. ND 440 A	149. OH 165 T	199. OH 440 Ka	249. OH 860 J	299. OR 20 E
50. NC 380 C	100. ND 440 Ba	150. OH 165 Ua	200. OH 440 Kb	250. OH 860 K	300. OR 40 A

# A D THE FARE BOX I O N

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Please TAKE NOTE of our change of address Evidently some have not, as some ads have been late in reaching us.

01 AUCTION CLOSING APRIL 3	04 CAR WASH	23 SALE
<p>Best offer over 3X catalogue plus P&amp;I for these TT's: [AK] 800-A; [IL] 150-X; [MA] 115-K; [OH] 660-F; [PA] 295-A; [TX] 255-P; [WY] 120-E. John M. Hoffmann 8334 Heron Circle Ooltewah TN 37363-9794</p>	<p>Modern car wash tokens \$1.00 each plus postage: [AZ] 640-J; 840-D; [CA] 30-A, B; 175-A; 525-A; 775-H; [FL] 180-A; [MO] 45-B; [PA] 293-A, B; [UT] 760-L; [UNID] #268. Al Kohlihardt P. O. Box 2649 Sunnyvale CA 94087-0649</p>	<p>My sale list of 2422 different TT's includes: 184 with catalogue values of up to \$30 for sale at catalogue or less. There is still one set of 600 different TT's for \$350. Also a list of 200 foreign TT's. Send \$1.00 for lists. Bill Carlson 9505 Normandy Avenue Morton Grove IL 60053-1337</p>
<p>Start bids at catalogue: [MT] 380-Bb; 480-J, Ka (lg ltrs), Kb (sm ltrs), M; [NV] 150-A; [NH] 100-A; 1000-C; [NJ] 115-J, K, L; 390-E, F. Next @ 1.5 cat.: [MT] 480-A; [NH] 520-Aa; 640-H; 1000-A. Next at 2X cat: [MT] 480-L, [NV] 500-A, B; 900-A. Gene Hurford 1527 Tulip Court Longmont CO 80501-2454</p>	<p><b>23 SALE</b></p> <p>[NY] tokens for sale at \$2 each and one 37¢ stamp. I have several of each. 630-BH, BK; 631-L; 905-D. If upi need any please write. Mort Dawson 100 Oakwood Avenue Apartment B-3 West Hartford CT 06119-2149</p>	<p>[MT] 380-A (5.25); 480-D; (5.20); [NV] 150-A (6.50); [NH] 700-Ac (5.30); [NJ] 997-Ba (5.90) and Fantasie [MT] 1 (3.00). PP if two or more. Gene Hurford 1527 Tulip Court Longmont CO 80501-2454</p>
<p><b>03 BUY</b></p> <p>Paying full catalogue for Sioux City IA transit tokens I need. Write with offers. James Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>	<p>100 mixed transportation tokens. \$15.00 postpaid. James Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>	<p>Foreign TT's for sale: Heavy in French but some German and others. Send a SASE for list or e-mail me at: smcorne@ix.netcom.com Shane Cornell P. O. Box 277 Jenks OK 74037-0277</p>

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**HOT OFF THE PRESS!** A 50-page COMPLETE SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2nd EDITION OF CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA has been prepared. We need to know how many to print. They will sell for about \$5 or \$6 postpaid. If you DEFINITELY WOULD ORDER ONE, notify the Editor of The Fare Box by a postcard. We need to know this as the more we print the cheaper they will be. Please let me know very soon as we plan to start the press run in a couple more weeks. = JMC

35 SALE	30 TRADE	40 WANTED
<p>(1) Book of school ride tickets/transfers \$1.50 each plus SASE (@) A must have for collectors. Aluminum fare box \$100 plus postage (3) 1921 Marseille, France A-oc-solid-24mm. Will accept best offer (4) Marseille France Z-25mm-solid. Will accept best offer. E-mail schoolbusben@cs.com  <i>"School Bus" Ben</i>  216 Hampton Road  Benton Harbor MI  49022-5924</p>	<p>Two for One - 30 for 15 -60 for 30. Send <u>different</u> TT's and I will send you two for one of <u>my</u> choice. Some duplicates. Send \$2.50 for postage with order. E-mail schoolbusben@cs.com  <i>"School Bus" Ben</i>  216 Hampton Road  Benton Harbor MI  49022-5924</p>	<p>Still want personal tokens. Let me know what you have and what you want for them. Also would like to make contact with other collectors of these fine tokens. I answer all letters. Also collect TT and CWT.  <i>Gilbert (Ed) Vogel</i>  3314 Maple #2  Longview WA 98632-986323-3352</p>
<p>100 mixed transportation tokens \$15.00 postpaid  <i>James Vander Helm</i>  18618 Birch Avenue  Akron IA 51001-8827</p>	<p><b>40 WANTED</b>  [MI] 75-C. Will pay 2X list price.  <i>"School Bus" Ben</i>  216 Hampton Road  Benton Harbor MI  49022-5924</p>	<p>Oklahoma transportation tokens. Name your price. Send me an e-mail at: smcorne@netcom.com or by snail mail.  <i>Shane Cornell</i>  P. O. Box 277  Jenks OK 74037-0277</p>

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 275 Gerald Johnson - 1644 So. Andee Drive - Palm Springs, CA 92264
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- 2995 Fred Sader - 843 Scaleybark Road - Charlotte, NC 28209

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### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2004 AVA DUES

The following members did not renew membership for 2004. If you know any of them please tell them that we miss them and want them back. List is arranged by AVA numbers: Lester Davis, Lusch, Hurst, Virginia King, Whitehead, William Crawford, Pipher, Lavorgna, Miller, Ensmann, Stinger, Hanson, Friedman, Pirie, Bird, Fox, Danner, Aitkenhead, Windhurst, Michael Hoffman (#2194), Mitchell, Batcher, Hunt, Hertzler, Cornish, Okuda, McCrillis, Winkelhake, McGuire, Cox, Rickard, Byrnes, Sharon Miller, Runciman, R. Thurston Clark, Rhynerson, Smothers, Wyzujak, Houser, Creuser, Aalto, Cordes, Drees, Harper, Anderson, Pedratscher, Kent, Meador, McDonough, Duffy, Tate, Trowbridge, Gay, Thomas Jones, Hudik, Knittweis, Hood, Daubert, Buckwalter, Ingels, Jerry Hall, Kytte, Hewey, Ringel, Buie, Britt Hall, Nash, Godoy, Carson Jones, Michael Warner, Fred Wright, Bottenberg, Lee F. Smith, Maher, Van Dam, Moschera, Dysinger, Lopez.

List is up to date as of March 6, but some dues are still coming in. Slowly.

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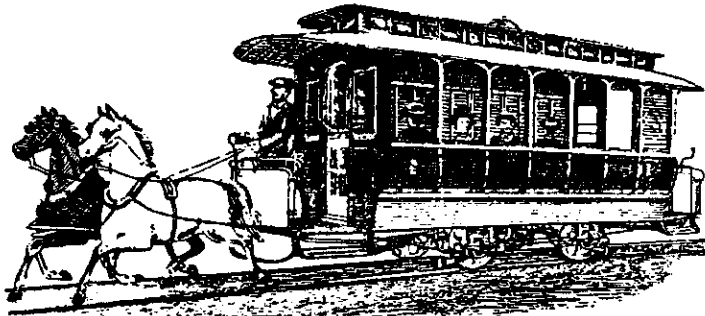
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Masthead buffs will note that I have had the new addresses of the AVA and of our Advertising Managers set in appropriate type above. Heretofore I had just pasted the new addresses over the old ones. It looks better now.

April 3. I was swamped with orders for our new 8-year supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue. I am still in the process of addressing, stamping, stuffing, and mailing them all. As I'm doing it all myself, it takes a while. I still have about 40 of them left, but I haven't been to the mailbox for five days, so probably I have more orders down there. I think there is still time for your order one, \$5 postpaid. A huge bargain for a very indispensable book to bring your catalogue up to date.

Charles Heilman, who lives near the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan, sends a clipping telling about the new 50th Anniversary toll token that will be issued this year. This magnificent bridge began being built May 7, 1954. The new toll token will be issued this spring, and 25,000 will be struck. I am confident we shall have them for our New Issues Service, as we have the previous issues. The new token bears the date 1954 with a picture of construction workers silhouetted against the waters of the Straits of Mackinac. The new token will bring to 175,000 the number of toll tokens in circulation. Toll is \$2.50 per crossing, but tokens in quantity are only \$1.50.

PA 760 A is a very interesting token. They were individually hand-stamped on U.S. large cents and various other coins and tokens. Bill Sowell sends a scan of one he just acquired which is 34½mm, instead of 28mm. Bill's has a hole toward the edge, and appears to be struck over a British token of some sort, and there are traces of an inscription on the planchet. Does anyone else have a larger than 28mm version of this token?

There's been some interesting stuff on ebay lately. There is right now the only known example of MO 600 C (Moberly) which was discovered May 2003. Current bid is \$295, rather high for a vintage 1920s or 1930s bus token. But it is a nice one. It probably will go even higher. A nice example of KS 770 B, the Oswego hack token with a 1904 cent encased, sold for \$332.87, a good price for a very nice token. A nice IA 485 A (Iowa Falls) went for \$360. This hack token is census-6, so \$360 would be on the slightly high side to my way of thinking. But who knows?

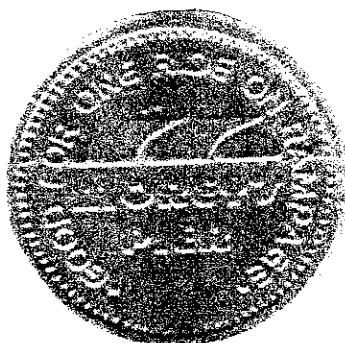
Someone on the internet is offering large quantities of obsolete NY subway tokens for ambitious prices: NY 630 AO \$2; AS \$1.75, BJ \$2.50, AX \$5. But you have to pay a "Processing fee" of \$50 on each order, and you have to buy the tokens in lots of 100. Thanks to George Cuhaj for passing it along. Any takers?



Some interesting enlarged photos on the opposite page. The Branaman's Stage Line token is a beauty, apparently in uncirculated condition, from Florence, AZ, with a 2-digit phone number. It must date from around 1920 or thereabouts. The size of the aluminum token was not given (on ebay). But a starting bid of \$1,200 was necessary, or a "buy it now" for \$2,000. There were no takers, so no sale. In any event it's an unlisted early Arizona token.

The S. & P. token below it is a 24mm brass with incuse letters on both sides. It's listed in this month's catalogue supplement. There are now 3 known tokens for the Smith & Proctor Transfer Line of Brazil, IN, about which I know nothing. The new one is singular in that it abbreviates the word "transfer" with "tran'r". I know of no other token with such a shortening of the word. Years ago when I acquired the IN 140 B from Marie Johnson, she informed me that the lady from whom she purchased it told her that the token had been originally owned by the widow of General George Armstrong Custer, whose home was in Brazil. Gen. Custer fell in battle at Little Big Horn, MT, on June 25, 1876. I don't know if the story is true, but I like to think so. It adds a touch of interest to the token.

The token at the bottom of the opposite page was also on ebay, described as a brass token "about 50 cent size." The reverse was not pictured, but the submitter said the reverse was inscribed "cooperativa ano 1916 10 centimos". I like the nice old trolley pictured on the token, but I don't think it is a fare token. The obverse says something about "montepio" (whatever that means) of the employees of the street railways of Barcelona. I think it's a canteen token or a meal check for the tram employees. It sold for \$26. Can anyone shed more light on it?

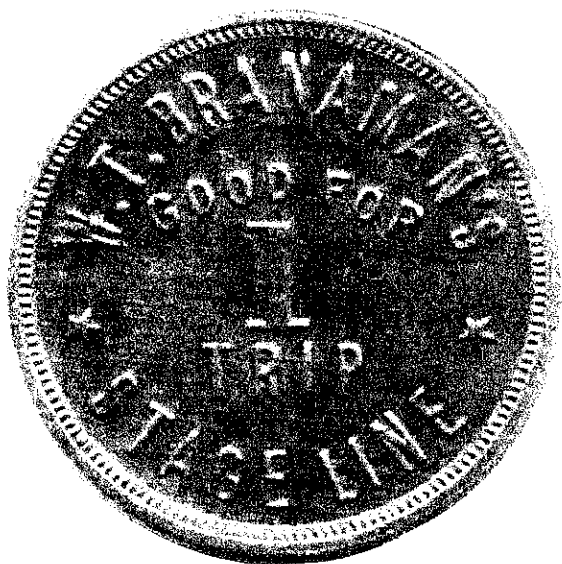


Bob Schopp sends along a scan of the above token, a 29mm aluminum with the same inscription on both sides. "Good For One Ride on Rampage / Morey's / Pier". Hegives following story about the token, whose exact use remains a mystery:

In an ebay lot I recently bought, I got a token that I had not seen before. A scan is attached. It is 29mm aluminum and anodized blue. It looks fairly recent. Morey's Pier is located in North Wildwood, NJ (city code 590) in Alpert & Smith's amusement token catalogue. It is only about 100 feet north of Wildwood. I did an internet search and they do not have a ride called Rampage. There is a coaster by that name in Visionland in Alabama. There are a number of sites for coaster enthusiasts and they list current and old rides and none list a Rampage at Morey's. I have a dozen amusement tokens from Morey's and a half dozen elongated cents and none use this logo (2 waves and a sun?)

I emailed the admissions manager at Morey's and he had not heard of the token and he had worked there 30 years. I sent him a scan of the token and he was going to check around and get back to me. They use ride tickets and wrist bands all the times I took my kids to Morey's. They own 4 piers in Wildwood and have amusement tokens saying MOREY'S PIER or MOREY'S PIERS. The wording on my token would appear to make it a transportation token, but I would like to know what it was used for and are more available.

John Byars reports that he has picked up GA 580 Z (Macon), This is a fascinating token because of the "I buy my groceries from Greer Lake & Co. and pay for them" on reverse. I like that "and pay for them" bit. Greer Lake was in business as early as the Civil War because I've seen a Confederate cover with their return address printed on the envelope. John's token makes at least 4 known.



# THE BUTTE MERRY-GO-ROUND TOKENS

By John Coffee

An excellent article on amusement tokens of all types, by former AVA member Russell Rulau (#437, joined 1962) appeared in the March 23 issue of Numismatic News, through whose plant in Iola, WI, AVA conventioners toured in 2002. The article pictures lots of them, but the one TT in the group, which is what interests us here, is MT 140 K, pictured here below. Russ, beneath the photo in the article, says the token is not listed by us. Actually it is, and has been since our 1982 4th edition.



MT 140 K (enlarged)

For years the T.O. Newman tokens were Unidentified, but in July 1980, thanks to a tip from George Gould, we found a home for them. The tokens were used at an amusement park in Columbia Gardens in Butte from the 1890's up to about 1904. Knowlton & Lucado, who issued MT 140 I, are listed in a 1904 Butte City Directory, and it is believe that they probably took over from T.O. Newman about that time. Lucado was also listed as a carriage maker in Butte.

The variety of the Newman tokens is fascinating. He must have done a good business, as he issued at least the 4 varieties we list. I own three of the Newman tokens, but the one I need bears the manufacturer's signature "Baily, Butte". On my 3 tokens, the flag above the tent that houses the merry-go-round, and the pennant beneath it, flies to the left on 140 J, and the right on 140 H and K. I don't own 140 G, but the photo in the AVA files shows that its flag flies to the right, and it has no rosettes on the obverse. The merry-go-round shown on the tokens is really beautiful, and detailed. The Knowlton token is a bit larger, its flag flies to the left, and the merry-go-round is a bit more modern. On the Newman tokens, there is a little steam engine shown, which operates the merry-go-round. On the Knowlton token there is no steam engine. Photos of H, I, and J, are shown below, exact size.



MT 140 H

MT 140 I

MT 140 J



## RAILWAY DEPOT LOCKER TOKENS OF THE EX-USSR

Compiled from various sources by Charles Hodder # 3081

These tokens are used in lieu of coins (due to shortages, I'm sure) to pay for locker rentals in railway stations, much the way coin-op lockers are in use here in train stations, swimming pools, amusement parks, etc. While not good for fares, these tokens are produced by transit companies for use ONLY in railway stations and are an interesting and enjoyable sub-genre of foreign transit token collecting worthy of some sort of cataloguing.

Please note that when I compiled this listing I used the closest approximation in our alphabet to the Cyrillic letters used on all of the tokens except for the listing for Estonia, which uses our alphabet. As a result, the listings are not 100% accurate. For example, I use the letter "A" to represent 3 different Cyrillic letters, only one of which is an exact match for the letter "A" in English. The other two Cyrillic letters have no other close approximation in our alphabet. One actually looks like an upside-down "V" and the other looks like a triangle with tails on the right and left sides. The same can be said of the letter "X", which represents two distinct Cyrillic letters. Luckily, due to the simplicity of most of the token legends, it is nearly impossible to look at this list, and then at the tokens themselves and be confused as to what exactly the English letter represents in Cyrillic...even with three possible letters represented by "A". This listing system also leads to an amalgam of capital and lower case letters mixed together in the descriptions. Because of this, I have decided not to use the AVA standard listing style where the obverse is listed in all caps and the reverse is listed in all lower case. Where a lower case letter is used anywhere in this listing (besides Estonia) it represents a Cyrillic letter of a similar look ("b" and "r" for example). Also, "N" and "R" represent the "backwards" "N" and "R" in the Cyrillic alphabet. Despite the potential ambiguity of using one of our letters to represent multiple Cyrillic characters and the mixing of capitals and lower case, this should still ease identification since most tokens use only abbreviations (making direct translation to English completely useless) and other tokens look very similar to fare tokens used by the same cities, and so could otherwise be easily confused.

### BELARUS/BYELORUSSIA

#### **BREST**

b (inside suitcase)  
Wm 20 sd (blank)

#### **MOLODECHNO**

b X A  
B 20 sd (blank)

### ESTONIA

#### **TALLIN**

AKH  
B 20 sd Eesti raudtee

### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

#### **CHELIABINSK**

AKXC  
Bz 20 sd I-O (Cyrillic letter looking like IO connected by a hyphen) YXA 1992  
B 20 sd I-O (Cyrillic letter looking like IO connected by a hyphen) YXA 1994  
AKXC XETOH (station house)  
B 20 sd I-O (Cyrillic letter looking like a IO connected by a hyphen) AOn-4 (2 trains passing each other)

#### **KISLOVODSK**

MnC AOn-3 (MnC is MOR in English and stands for Ministry of Railways)  
Wm 20 sd (blank)

#### **MOSCOW**

MOCK. / KXC 5 / X.A. (incuse)  
B 20 sd (blank)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 6 on obv. instead of 5)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 7 on obv. instead of 5) (small font)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 7 on obv. instead of 5) (large font) (rings on rev.)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 8 on obv. instead of 5)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 7 on obv. instead of 5 and not incuse)  
B 20 sd (same as above but 8 on obv. instead of 5 and not incuse)  
K / X / C / 7 (clockwise from 9 o'clock)  
B 20 sd A / X / M / (star) (clockwise from 9 o'clock)  
B 20 sd M / X / A / (star) (clockwise from 9 o'clock)  
B 20 sd (blank)  
(A 15 Kopek Soviet coin. Coins used were minted between 1961-1991)  
Wm 20 sd (reverse of coin)

\*note: The 15 Kopek coin is used as a token since Soviet Union coinage is now technically "valueless".

**NIZHNY NOVGOROD/GORKY**

rOPbK / 2 / KXC / 2 / XA  
Wm 20 sd rOPbK. X.A. (incuse on rev. only)  
Wm 20 sd 4 (incuse on rev. only)

**NOVOSIBIRSK**

KAMEPA / HCt / XPAHEHNR  
B 20 sd A X 3An CNb (2 headed eagle)

**OMSK**

(A 15 Kopek Soviet coin with three holes drilled into it at 12, 8 and 4 o'clock. Coins used were minted between 1961-1991)  
Wm 20 pc (reverse of coin)

**OREL**

BOK3An CT OPEn / AKX (winged wheel)  
B 20 sd (blank)  
B 20 sd (blank) (wm plated)

**RAIZAN**

P r A  
Wm 20 sd (blank)

**SAINT PETERSBURG**

OKTRbCKAR / OM (with wings) / XEAE3HAR AOPrA  
B 20 sd KAMEPA / OAHA RYENKA / XPAHEHNR

**SMOLENSK**

CMOnEHCK / AKX  
B 20 sd (blank)

**TOULA**

MnC (in script) (very wide collar)  
B 20 sd (blank)

**TUMEN**

(blank)  
K 20 sd (blank) (looks similar to a slug or a blank)

**VOLGOGRAD**

V (incuse)  
Wm 20 sd (blank)

**UKRAINE**

**KHARKOV**

AKC  
Pg 20 sd (blank) (dark green transparent plastic)  
AKX AOH (star with rays) (ornate border)  
K 20 sd (trident) (ornate border) (looks hand-stamped)

**LVOV**

AK3 AbBIB  
B 20 sd (Lvov coat of arms: castle and lion)  
BOKBAn KOnOMNR nbB. BAnIBHNUR  
A 20 sd (trident)

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**THE CAR WASH TOKEN NEW ISSUES SERVICE**

Roger Bolz, who began operation of a New Issues Service for Car Wash Token collectors has been forced to relinquish his duties. The Executive Board of the AVA have been fortunate in finding a good replacement for Roger in Louis Lockwood, who is a very active collector of such tokens. Watch for an announcement in the next issue by Louis.

Last month I asked for collectors to inform me if they would purchase a supplement to the Ford Catalogue of Car Wash Tokens of North America. About 30 members responded in the affirmative. I shall be taking copy to the printer soon, Watch for further details next month.

= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-55 TO THE FIFTH EDITION =

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NEW JERSEY

OCEAN CITY-3620 (Reported by R Schopp)  
(AS A)

C o Wr 38 Sd (As A0)

1.00

NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE-3160 (Reported by M Ayrapetov)

1997 McCOLL CENTER FOR VISUAL ART 2004 / BUILT IN 1926 /  
DREAM CREATE ENGAGE (building)(8m steel center)

AA B 23 Sd (as W)

1.00

PTUN

C. / B. S. (gate) (Reported by M Null)

3155 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa / Token (gate)(rev A)

PTNO-3777-(Reported by V Nolan)

VALET / T / NORTHEASTERN / HOSPITAL / TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HEALTH  
SYSTEM / PARKING

P Pw 41 Sd Good For / 1 Spin

Q Pr 41 Sd Respect / Service / Quality

R Py 41 Sd Shoot To Thrill / \$5 / Thank You

GERMANY (Both reported by V Nolan)

MINDEN-3500

STADTSPARKASSE MINDEN / (incuse numeral) / HAURTSTELLE

A WM 25 Sd Bode-Panzer A. G. / Hannover / Berlin

2.00

NORDEN-3600

STADE / FRISCHER WIND NORDEN (logo)

A B 22 Sd Die Park-Und / Stadette / Busmunze

1.50

= ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS =

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MT-3080-B: (R: make W to read Wm)

NC-3160-Y: make correction as follows: O: CLUDADES to CIUDADES

PTMS-3065:Relist vars as:(O: Background is...)

(R: Background is...; upright of P points up to...)

a. (grid)(grid; right edge of C)

b. (grid)(grid; between CO)

c. (grid)(grid; left edge of C)

d. (grid)(diag dots; between CO)

e. (diag dots)(V & H dots; right edge of C)

FRANCE:RENNES-3775:correct to read 3750

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

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Bob Schopp reports a wood identical to NJ-3620-A except in red lettering.

Charlotte, NC continues issuing commemorative tokens yearly.

The PTUN has a rev A indicating it is an early struck token. Does anyone recognize the initials??

Vic Nolan picked up a set of interesting but non-parking tokens. I visited the hospital on two occasions to try obtaining tokens and information. No one at the hospital had ever heard of the tokens. Obviously the reverses are incompatible with parking.

Tokens are in use at the following locations.

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No response to my inquiries. Should anyone obtain any information, please drop me a line and share your findings with the membership.

Order your FEISELS 5th edition of PARKING TOKENS direct from me at \$26 postpaid.

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MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE  
By Harold V. Ford

CALIFORNIA

San Diego	745	(Reported by HVF)	SEAPORT/VILLAGE/SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA/BROADWAY FLYING HORSES CAROUSEL 1890/GOOD FOR/ONE FREE RIDE/ (CARTOON CHARACTER ON CAROUSEL HORSE)(STARS)	
AHo	A	39 Sd	(clown holding ornate umbrella) ( <i>reeded edge</i> )	***
Miscellaneous	1000	(Reported by Bill Sowell)	DEVIL DOG COIN/TOP/S TAXI/\$1 \$1/(US MARINE CORPS EMBLEM)	
BO	Pr	29 Sd	No Cash Value/1-800-Top-Msgt/\$1(master sergeant chevron) ( <i>gold printing</i> ) (Twentynine Palms)	

INDIANA

Brazil	140	(Reported by Paul Cunningham)	S. & P./TRAN'R LINE/BRAZIL,/IND.	
C o	B	24 Sd	Good For/One/Fare ( <i>incuse inscriptions</i> )	100.00

MICHIGAN

Wyandotte	980	(Reported by Bill Butch)	CITY OF/WYANDOTTE/TAXI/TOKEN	
A	B	25 Sd	HM (front of rubber-tired trolley)	1.75

PENNSYLVANIA

Wilkes-Barre	985	(Reported by Joe Radomski)	L.C.T.A.	
N	Pb	29 Sd	(same as obverse) ( <i>white printing</i> )	1.00
O	Pw	29 Sd	" ( <i>black printing</i> )	1.00

RHODE ISLAND

Newport Bridge	521	(Reported by Michael Ayrapetov & Alfred Della Posta)	RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (BRIDGE)	
K	B	28 Sd	Claiborne Pell Bridge/Claiborne Pell Bridge/2002/ RWM / (small hub) ( <i>all incuse both sides</i> ) (* 2002)	1.00
L	B	28 Sd	Claiborne Pell Bridge/Claiborne Pell Bridge/Safe/Travels/ 2003/RWM (small hub) ( <i>all incuse both sides</i> ) (* 2003)	1.00
M	B	28 Sd	Claiborne Pell Bridge/Claiborne Pell Bridge/Safe/Travels/ 2004/RWM (small hub) ( <i>all incuse both sides</i> ) (* 2004)	1.00

AMUSEMENT RIDE TOKENS: NON-LOCAL

Group	206		HY VEE/® /EMPLOYEE OWNED FOOD STORES (8 STARS)	
C	B	25 Sd	1/Ride Token/Non Refundable/No Cash Value/ HM	

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

CA 775 R - (listed 11/03) add (10,000 struck)(\* 10/03)  
 NY 120 A - (listed 1/04) add value \$2.50  
 OK 180 B - obv. correction, OKLA. (not "OKLAHOMA")

The Seaport Village carousel token was a recent ebay offering, so I decided to check it out. The telephone number listed for the carousel turned out to be a pay phone. The Seaport Village management company finally returned my call and gave me an LA area code number. I learned that the owner of the carousel operation was out of the picture and I was in contact with the trustee. He was aware of the listed CA 745 AD, but not a large aluminum. The next time he visited the Seaport Village operation he checked out the storeroom and the booth and found one token on site. He estimates it was probably used about 10-15 years ago. The modern issues have a tendency to show up eventually, hence we cite a \*\*\* value for now.

Bill Sowell informs me the CA 1000 listing was briefly mentioned in The Fare Box a few years ago. Recently he discovered a specimen at a coin shop. He checked it out and was informed the token was no longer in use and the remaining supply had been tossed last year.

John Coffee thought he was buying IN 140 A from Paul Cunningham, but when he received the token it turned out to be unlisted. This may have been the earliest of the three Brazil listings.

The Wyandotte, MI, taxi token was pictured on page 136 of the December 2003 Fare Box. This is a city subsidized issue for seniors. Token use depends on the distance traveled. Zone one (local) takes 2 tokens; Zone two takes 3 tokens; Zone three takes 4 tokens. The local authority refused to sell me a specimen when I contacted City Hall.

L.C.T.A. (Luzerne County Transportation Authority) issued the two plastic listings a number of years ago. They are used by organizations for special events. The N.I.S. contacted the local authority and learned they could not make available a quantity for N.I.S. members. I was informed that PA 985 K and L are still in use, values now \$1.25 and \$1.00.

Three more Newport Bridge, RI, tokens to list this month. Our Editor told me last summer that there was a 2002 issue, but I lacked description until now. The 2003 issue has been supplied to the N.I.S. a few months ago. I held up its listing so I could list it in chronological order. If the N.I.S. will handle the 2002 and 2004 issues, we need some help from a local Rhode Island member. Bill Garrison contacted the local authority a few months ago and offered to pay \$10 extra for an employee to sort thru tokens to locate the specimens we needed, but has not received any feedback to date.

The Amusement Ride Token Non Local is like 206 A but with the hm mintmark on the reverse. It was found in a dealer's junk box at the recent WEST exnomia show.



#### NEW TYPE OF AUTO ON CAR WASH TOKENS

Above is a picture of a new style of auto being used for car wash tokens by Hoffman Mint. So far found only on one of their advertising pieces, most likely it will be showing up of regular use tokens. We are wondering what to call it. It resembles somewhat a 1930s era CORD. Any suggestions?

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Unidentified #259, Clisbee Auto Livery and Transfer Phone 2066, might be from Waco, TX. A Waco City directory for 1896-97 lists "Manchester & Clisbee Proprietors Waco Transfer Co." with a nice picture of one of their horse-drawn hacks. But the phone number doesn't correspond. Clisbee is not a common name, but apparently other Clisbees were in the transfer business in other places. So the mystery survives.

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CA 105 A+	MN 540C+	PA 180G+	WI 440 H+
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IL 370C+	NY 615 F	PA 595 B	<u>Railway &amp; // and</u>
IL 370D++	NY 628C+	PA 675C++	<u>mplo es still</u>
IN 90A+	NY 629D+	PA 675 D	appears on token.
IN 500A+	NY 629G+	PA 725 D	
IA 150B	NY 630B++	PA 750 N+	TX 555A about
IA 300D+	NY 630La	PA 750 O+	75% of token
IA 850K+	NY 630Lb+	PA 750AU+	lettering remains.
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KS 40D+	NY 630AR+	PA 870 A	Parking Token
KS 600C+	NY 631G++	PA 875B++	PA 3765 H @
KS 820H+	NY 631J+	PA 950 B+	\$10.00 each
KS 940M+	NY 631K+	PA 950 G+	Will Trade
KY 45B++	NY 631L+	PA 965Ca+	For Penna.
KY 480E+	NY 631M+	PA 997 O+	15 A, 20 A
KY 480L+	NY 631N++	SC 450 A+	71 A, 115 B
MD 60J+	NY 715 A+	SC 450 B+	140 A-B
MD 60 L	NC 130 A+	SC 450 C+	310A-7 & 25
MD 60Q++	OH 10 B	TN 400G+	320 C, 350 D
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MA 550B+	OH 440 C+	VA 600J++	750 T-U-V-AV
MA 550C+	OH 440 D	VA 600L++	765 T-V-AH
MA 550D+	OH 440 E+	VA 620 C+	840 C-D
MA 550E+	OH 860 B+	VA 700G++	905 B-C-E-F
MA 550F+	OH 990A+	VA 820 A+	965 E-F-H-I
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The following members, listed previously as not having paid AVA dues, have now paid: (no particular order) Hartman, Osborn, Charney, Whipple, Kent, Vandegriff, Grant, Dysinger, William Crawford, Ensmann, Friedman, Fox, Hertzler, Winkelhake, Rickard, Aalsto, Pedratscher, Duffy, Tate, Gay, Hewey, Warne, Lopez, Hood, Hall, Lusch, Lavorgna, Clark, and possibly a couple others.

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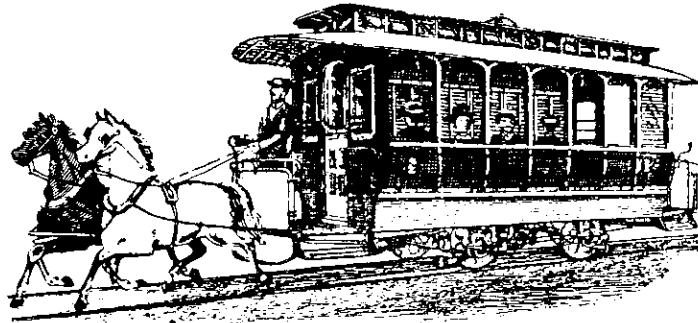
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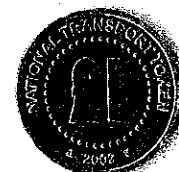
OUR 682nd ISSUE

RICHARD H. BEIMER

Richard Beimer, AVA L-224, of Fort Madison, Iowa, joined us back in 1956. Owner of a service station and garage, he came into good fortune in 1958 when he purchased an old bus garage once owned by the local transit in Fort Madison. In one corner, under dust and grime, he found thousands of Fort Madison tokens. Most of them were IA 390 D, but there were well over 100 each of 390 A and B, and just 16 of a previously unknown school token, 390 C. I visited him in the summer of 1958 in Fort Madison, and over coffee and cake at his kitchen table, we talked tokens for hours, and he gave me two of the precious 390 C tokens. He was a delightful individual, and an avid collector. For the last two years he was afflicted by complications from diabetes, and he died last month, at age 90.

May 1. I still have a dozen left of the 8-Year Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue, if anyone still needs one. Only \$5.00 postpaid. The copy for the Supplement to the Car Wash Token Catalogue is all ready, and I shall take it to the printer on Monday, May 3. It will be ready next day. This will be subsidized by the Catalogue Committee, and the print run will be only 100 (I received some 40 affirmative answers to my query about who would buy one). The price will be only \$5.00 including first class postage. They will cost us more than that to print and mail. If you would like to order one (54 pages size 8½x11") send \$5.00 to the Editor, and make the check payable to "American Vecturist Association."

Thanks to the efforts of Yosef Sa'ar of Elat, Israel, the National Transport Tokens of Great Britain has donated a generous quantity of a new One Pound token, similar to the one I advertised before, but the new one was struck by the Royal Dutch Mint in Holland, and bears their mintmark on either side of the date on obverse. The die work is a trifle different. Because of the mintmarks, this will be a separate listed major variety. Because of the donation, I can let collectors have them for only \$1.00 each postpaid (that is barely more than half the face value). But please do send me an addressed envelope. I'll put a commemorative stamp on it. Scans of obverse and reverse are below:



Last month at the bottom of page 23 I ran a photo of a token from Barcelona, Spain, that pictured an old trolley. I didn't think it was good for a ride. Comes now a letter from Yosef Sa'ar of Elat, Israel, to inform me that he has 3 different denominations of these in his collection: a 24mm brass 5 Centimos; a 31½mm brass 10 Centimos (the pictured one); a 19mm white metal 50 centimos. "Montepio," it seems, which is on the token but I could not translate, means something like "pension fund." These tokens were issued by the Cooperative Enterprise of the Pension Fund of the Tramway Employees. Very attractive, but not ride tokens.

Some interesting stuff on ebay lately. CA 575 Aa, the common Oakland horsecar token (cat. \$7.50, brought \$21 in AVA auction) sold for \$210.48. If the person who paid \$210.48 for that token had joined the AVA and bought our catalogue (total cost \$52) he would have saved himself some serious money. Then from Sawtelle, CA, a brass octagonal (no size given) inscribed "Good For / One / Ride" on reverse, and "V.W. Earp / Sawtelle" on obverse. V.W. Earp, presumably, was Virgil Earp, brother of famed Wyatt Earp. Virgil did live in Sawtelle, there is no evidence that he was involved in any business there. The token had a starting bid of \$4,800.00 and there were no bidders, so it didn't sell. Seller said it was found in a Nevada dump a couple years back. Nice old token, but at \$4,800.00???

Art Soucy has a "love token" type engraved coin, his being an 1883 U.S. dime with a beautiful trolley car engraved on reverse. As electric streetcars didn't really come into their own till a few years later, my guess is that the engraving was done later than 1883. I have a couple such tokens myself. One is a U.S. 1889 dime, engraved on reverse "Car Fare / Oct. 15, 1889". Maybe the first collected fare on a new streetcar line? Another one I have is an 1891 nickel with an attached loop, engraved "Nov. 25, 91 / 1st / Fare Coll. / on El. Ry. S.C." with elaborate scroll work. Now if I just knew which electric (elevated?) Railway began operating on November 25, 1891. Sioux City perhaps? Does any member have similar engraved coins with a transit connection?

Hal Ford reports a 39mm aluminum inscribed "Communities in Motion / (SEPTA logo) / October 16, 2003 // The PCC II / (SEPTA LOGO) / Route 15 Trolley". Does anyone know what this is, and what happened October 16, 2003, in Philadelphia?

Chicago CTA is selling 20,000,000 tokens for scrap for \$157,000, to Osborne Coinage of Cincinnati. These are full and half fare and parking tokens, which have been obsolete since 1998. Osborne is getting 132,642 pounds of them. "Each token will be cut in half and left with jagged edges to prevent use elsewhere," we are told. CTA will keep about 2,000 of them for jewelry. This from a CTA press release of April 14, 2004, sent in by Yosef Sa'ar, who used to live in Chicago.

In the same vein, 45,000,000 New York subway tokens (342,000 pounds of them) will be melted down by M & M Scrap Metals of Elizabeth, NJ. M & M paid \$500,000 for the hoard, which "will be melted down into a noncorrosive alloy that will be transformed into solid bars and used to make car, airplane and computer parts." Back in 1998, the NY Transit Authority similarly disposed of 60,000,000 of its bullseye tokens (NY 630 BE, BG, BI).

Eugene Schaetzel sends along a 20mm brass token inscribed "Nassau County / State of New York / (rampant lion) // No / Cash / Value". This was mentioned on page 122 of the November 1999 Fare Box when we listed NY 285 E. This one has the same obverse but the "no cash value" on reverse means it could be for anything and not necessary transportation. Gene says he has 65 to 100 of them. Now if someone could get firm evidence of what this token was used for.

Bob Kelley reports a generic ride token now in use on a carousel at the Savannah Mall in Georgia. It is 28mm aluminum anodized red: "Ride / Token // No / Cash / Value" Probably listable in some category.

Memphis has opened a new Madison Avenue light rail line, 2 miles long using vintage streetcars. Operates from Main Street to Cleveland street.

George Cuhaj writes about NY 630 BL, listed February 1999. BL is the same as 630 AT except that it has two obverses. Obviously an error, but it was placed in use and accepted so we listed it. George, it seems, has two that are just the opposite. He has two of 630 AT but with two reverses and no obverse. It figures, I guess, that if we have a two-obverse token, we'd have a two-reverse token to match it.

In the 5th Edition of our catalogue, TX 145 K is listed as (Vars.) but no varieties are pictured in Volume III, as presumably Gene Godsoe didn't own them. So here they are. The varieties are quite distinctive, almost enough to warrant two major listings. The tokens are listed at \$3.50, but I suspect are somewhat scarcer than that price would indicate. All the Bryan tokens are interesting for the various ads that appear on them. Photos of the two varieties are below:



TX 145 Ka



TX 145 Kb

Frank Miller, a former AVA member, is quite ill and would be interested in disposing of his collection. Interested parties may write him at 3 Loop Road - Watsonville, PA 17777. He has a fairly extensive collection, I am told.

Bill Sowell, our NIS Manager, asks me to note an error he made in Shipment 04-4: "I reversed the numbers on the Portage, MI, tokens when stamping the envelopes. Instead of MI 775 they were stamped MI 377. Would appreciate a mention to members in the upcoming issue."

Bob King of Brevard, NC, writes: "I own Unidentified #146 and I think it is from Burlington, VT. I know a "City Car Line" was located there but not much more." As I also own the token I would love to find a home for it.

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#### THE 2004 AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Fellow AVA'ers, our 54th Annual Convention will be held August 12,13,14,15, in the charming city of Charlotte, NC, home of Bank of America and the Panthers! We shall be staying at the Sheraton Four Points, situated at 201 South McDowell St. We're just outside downtown Charlotte and have a beautiful view of this modern up-scale architecturally beautiful city. Parking is FREE - full breakfast every morning is FREE - the hotel is very lovely and the rate for single/double is only \$75 per night. Please call the hotel at 704-372-7550 to make your reservations directly, and remember that we need you to stay at this hotel to help with our meeting rooms.

Our schedule, although not yet firmed up, will be about as always: an event Thursday afternoon (probably a trip to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer) and dinner after that, then bourse and banquet on Friday. Auction Saturday AM, ride on the Charlotte Trolley in the afternoon, maybe a surprise in the evening, and the business meeting Sunday AM.

As usual, the Frog is keeping the costs down (these East Coast buffets will break us) so send \$65.00 per person to Joel Reznick - P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. Y'all come, y'hear!

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After a hiatus of 40 years, electric streetcars are again running on Canal Street in New Orleans. I recall my first visit to New Orleans in 1952, and fell in love with a fabulous and exciting city, and I rode all the trolley including the one on Canal Street. Now it's back!

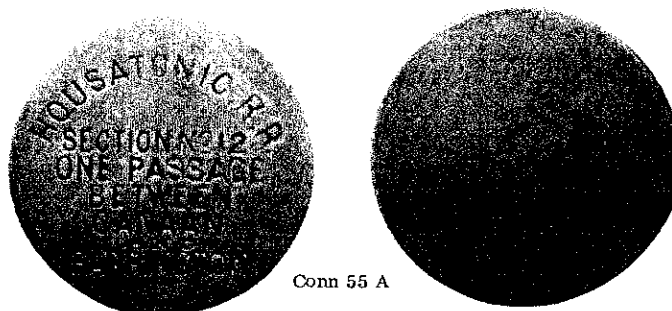
THE MYSTERY OF THE COULTER BROS. LIVERY & BUS LINE TOKENS



The Coulter Bros. livery & bus line tokens have been a mystery for years. The first one found was Unidentified #91, a 25mm brass with stand-up letters, inscribed "Coulter Bros. Livery & Bus Line". As I recall this was found by Dan DiMichael, who thought, and hoped, that it was from Pennsylvania. Then over the years other, more primitive, types of tokens were found for this line: 23mm brass with incused letters and no punctuation, inscribed "Coulter & Bro Livery & Bus Line". The odd thing about the incused-letter versions is that they come with the months of the year on them. So far we've found tokens for January, February, March, and September. Just last month a new "Feb" one was on ebay and fetched a very good price, even though it has no known origin. Above are enlarged pictures of the stand-up letter token and the "Jan" incuse-letter token. The reverses are shown larger than the obverses. Actually of course they are the same size.

# THE TOKENS OF THE HOUSATONIC RAILROAD

By John Coffee



In 1986 I wrote an article on the transportation tokens of Connecticut for the Newsletter of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History, which included quite a bit of information about the Housatonic Railroad. It just occurred to me that very little about the tokens of this firm has ever been published in The Fare Box.

The earliest transportation tokens of Connecticut were those issued by the Housatonic Railroad. The Housatonic RR was chartered in 1836, making it one of the earliest railroads in the United States. It took its name for the river along which its route followed. Operations actually began in 1842, and by 1874 it was operating 74 miles of track from Bridgeport to the Massachusetts border. From the border to West Stockbridge, MA, it leased 22 miles of track from the Berkshire Railroad, and from West Stockbridge to the New York border it leased 2.75 miles from the West Stockbridge RR. It also leased 22 miles of track from the Stockbridge & Pittsfield Railroad between Great Barrington and Pittsfield, and another 5.36 miles of track from the New York, Housatonic & Northern Railroad. In 1874 the Housatonic RR was operating 17 locomotives, 16 passenger cars, 8 baggage cars, and a large number of freight cars. The Housatonic RR was absorbed into the New York, New Haven & Hartford RR in 1892, and its trackage became a branch of that system.

During its lifetime the Housatonic RR issued a series of 42mm brass tokens with incused lettering on one side, and blank reverses. Nine varieties of these have so far been found by collectors--eight from Connecticut and one from Massachusetts. Tokens have been found for sections 2,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,14. No doubt tokens exist for the missing sections (1,3,4,8,13, and possibly 15). Studying a map, I notice that the sections seem to overlap.

The tokens had a special use. They weren't available to the public, but were used by trackwalkers. The trackwalker would traverse a section, about 10 to 15 miles, and then use the token to provide his passage back at the end of the day. In those days all railroads had trackwalkers, for the condition of the rails was a vital concern in an age when travel by train was at best a hazardous undertaking. For instance in one year alone--1890--6,335 people were killed and 35,362 were injured in the United States by railroad accidents. One of the most frightful dangers was "the snake," a loose rail that would come up through the wooden floor of a car on a fast-moving train and impale a row of passengers in their seats. Trackwalkers were the chief means of watching for such dangers.

The Housatonic RR tokens are all very rare, and as all of them are well over a hundred years old it is not likely very many will surface. I have four of them in my collection. I doubt if anyone will ever own them all.

APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE  
By Harold V. Ford

ALASKA

Sitka 800 (Reported by Ron Benice & Mort Dawson)  
ANCHOR TAXI COMPANY/SITKA/ALASKA  
B o B 29 Sd Good For/50¢/in Trade \$20.00

MINNESOTA

Albert Lea 30 (Reported by Roger Bolz & Karl E. Gabsch)  
FREEBORN COUNTY CONNECTION/DIAL-A-RIDE/  
(FCC LOGO)  
G o Pg 29 Sd Bus/Token (black printing) 2.00  
FREEBORN CONNECTION/(FCC LOGO)  
H o Pz Oc Sd Senior/Bus/(Over 60)/Token (38mm)(white printing) 1.00

MISSOURI

Osage Beach 668 (Reported by Les McCalip)  
LAKE COMMUNITY/TRANSIT/\$1  
A Pb 32 Sd Call For a Ride/348-4423/348-4433/(cartoon bus)(\* 5/5/04)  
(white printing) (2,000 issued) 1.00  
B Pg 32 Sd " " 1.00  
C Pp 32 Sd " " 1.00  
\$1/LAKE COMMUNITY/TRANSIT  
D Py Oc Sd Compliments/of/Proud/Supporter (\* 5/5/04)  
(purple printing) (2,000 issued) (37mm) 1.00

OHIO

Mansfield 505 (Reported by Mark Hertzler)  
RICHLAND/CARROUSEL PARK/MANSFIELD, OHIO/  
GOOD FOR ONE RIDE  
O Bz 25 Sd 2004/(head of horse) .75

AMUSEMENT RIDE TOKENS - NON-LOCAL

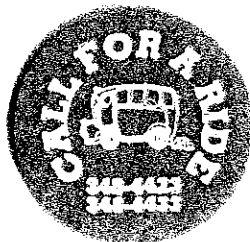
Group 205 (Reported by Bill Garrison)  
GOOD FOR/ONE/CAROUSEL/RIDE/HH  
B B 25 Sd No/Cash/Value / HM

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

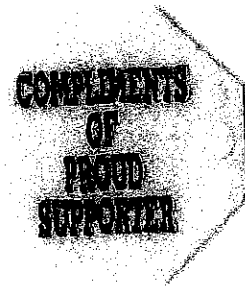
FL 630 C - mark obsolete. Add to listing: "(After obsolete for ride, remaining specimens were overprinted with white '100' to indicate 100 arcade points)"  
MI 775 G - copper center is 15mm, not 10mm  
MO 600 C - correct size is 18mm, not 19mm (actually it is 17.78mm)



TX 668 A-C



TX 668 D



NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The Anchor Taxi token of Sitka, AK has been known for some time, pictured page 62, 6/86, but no one could dig up any background information. Ron Benice reported there was no Anchor Taxi in 1986. John Coffee wrote in 1990 and his letter was returned marked "unknown." Recently, a specimen was offered in Feisel's Token Jamboree 2004 auction. I decided to research and learned there are currently two operations, Arrowhead Taxi and Sitka Cabs, Inc. After several telephone calls I finally located an oldtimer in the cab business. He remembered the operation located at 303 Lincoln and the owner. Anchor Taxi operated circa early 1970's to about 1980. The owner departed Sitka about 25 years ago. Many Alaska tokens have been offered on eBay this past year, but I have never seen this one.

The Albert Lea, MN Freeborn County Connection tokens recently became obsolete. Last year the FCC wanted \$3.00 each per specimen. Now the NIS will handle at a more reasonable cost. The green plastic was a regular fare issue and sold in quantity 6 for \$10.00, fare \$2.00. The octangle purple plastic senior fare sold 12 for \$10.00. There was also a youth woodnik, but it lacked adequate verbiage for listing.

Lake Community Transit was recently launched by two young ladies. It operates three routes, blue, green, and pink, also the color of the buses, in and around Osage Beach and Lake Ozark, MO. Before April, service was Fri., Sat., Sun.; after, it operates 7 days a week as the tourist season arrives. Many local businesses are "supporters" of this operation, and there was a fourth issue which they give to customers under certain circumstances. The NIS will handle these four.

The Mansfield, OH, Richland Carrousel Park 2004 listing is the latest of a continuing series. Local AVA member obtained a supply for the NIS. Note, they raised the value, and this year's listing lacks a reeded edge.

Our editor published a list of possible leads on some unlisted amusement ride tokens page 4, 1/24. Bill Garrison checked out Coal Valley, IL. The Naibi Zoo operates a carousel that uses a generic listable ride token and has obtained a supply for the NIS.

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THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER TUNNEL FANTASY TOKEN

Last month George Schroder send me a tantalizing token, aluminum 32mm inscribed "I USE THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER TUNNEL (EST.1934)/JIM/HORN/WSBA/3-7 pm // GOOD FOR ONE PASSAGE / T.A.T.A. L.A.L.A. / WSBA / DIAL 910 / SUSQUEHANNA RIVER TUNNEL". So of course I looked up WSBA on the internet, obtained a phone number, and phoned Jim Horn, who was happy to explain the token. Seems he made 1,000 of these back in about 1979 as a joke. There is no "Susquehanna River Tunnel" at all, but he started giving the traffic on the radio, always describing the traffic jams in the tunnel, which he said was a typical bureaucratic boondoggle, as it was one lane eastbound, and 12 lanes westbound. The "T.A.T.A." is for "Tunnel & Tube Authority" which never existed, and "L.A.L.A." is for the "Line & Lane Authority" which also never existed. The whole thing was intended as a joke, but things started getting out of hand when motorists began inquiring locally for directions to the "Susquehanna River Tunnel." So Jim decided he'd better call the whole thing off. He gave out the tokens to friends, and to visitors to the radio WSBA studio, which is in York, PA. I think it's kind of a neat token with such a story behind it. No, he hasn't had any of these tokens for years, except for just one he saved as a souvenir.



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Subject: RE:AVA COMPUTER PROGRAM SURVEY  
Date: Apr 26, 2004 8:43 AM

**AVA COMPUTER PROGRAM SURVEY**

By Bill Weber V.P.

I'am asking all members to send me an e-mail in response to your interest in having a computer program that will give you a complete and always updated set of catalogues,including "The World Catalogue of Transportation Tokens", including the USA & Canada,Parking Tokens,Carwash Tokens,your own collection, your trade/sale inventory,AND a web page on the internet.

Any and all of these options can be available for your choosing, even if you do not have a computer presently and have access to one,thru a friend or relative.

Please drop me a post card, or send an e-mail thru a friend with any comments about your collecting interest.NOTE:please identify your email in the title section as "AVA SURVEY". I do delete unidentified and unfamiliar messages.

Presently I,am working on the "First issue Supplement to the World Catalogues of Trans. Tokens" from Fare Box reportings of the last 25 years.And would like to expand the computer program into a total World Transportation Token system, to be available to all members according to their own collecting interest.

Having a web page on the internet, will not only increase our membership, but also increase the value of our personal collections. How can you afford not to respond to this survey if your collecting interest are even only on a casual level ? Together as an organization using the modern tools" OUR COMPUTERS" much more will be available to us all, finding new & old TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.

Please send me your e-mail or postcard **NOW** with your comments.A total tabulation will be announced in the next Fare Box issue.

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Age 66; Retired. Collects U.S. (Hal Ford)

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- 3054 William Butch. When I listed his address change last month I left off his name!  
3081 Charles Hodder - new email address: [charhodder@yahoo.com](mailto:charhodder@yahoo.com)  
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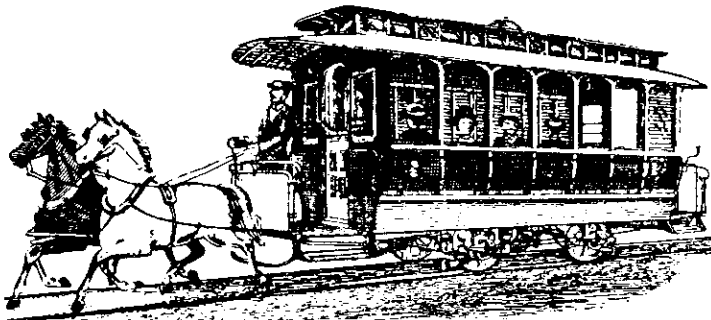
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OUR 683rd ISSUE

May 28. There is no monthly Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue in this issue, as we had only one token to report. So we'll hold it over for the next issue when we hope to have several more. Speaking of supplements, we are now completely sold out of the 8-Year Supplement booklet to the A-C Catalogue. We printed 250 copies and that seems to be just enough. On the other hand I still have at least 40 copies of the Supplement to the Car Wash Token Catalogue at \$5 each postpaid by first class if you have not ordered one. I also have plenty more of the new One Pound National Transport token of Great Britain, struck by the Royal Dutch Mint, for sale for barely half face value: only \$1 each postpaid (send an addressed envelope; I'll put a stamp on it). All proceeds go to the AVA.

Inside this issue is the complete auction list for the Annual AVA Convention Auction, to be held in conjunction with our Annual Convention which will be held August 12-15 in Charlotte, NC, at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Registration is \$65. Send it to Treasurer Joel Reznick at P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. There is also a bid sheet accompanying this issue, for use by mail bidders. This sheet is not part of The Fare Box.

I shall be driving to California, as usual, leaving Boston about July 1, alone in my 2003 Lincoln Town Car, and will spend 2½ weeks or so with Hal Ford and family. The June issue will be published before I leave, and the July issue will be published from California.

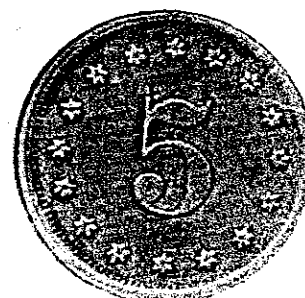
Ed Axthelm writes that he has obtained a limited quantity of VA 985 J, but not enough for the New Issues Service. He will sell these to members for face value of \$1.00 each plus a stamped envelope. The 985 J was listed last July. Send your order to Ed Axthelm at 5408 Montgomery St. - Springfield, VA 22151-6854.

Several members have inquired about how to have personal tokens made. Can anyone tell me who manufacturers personal tokens in (1) metal, and (2) in plastic?

Recently on ebay someone offered for sale a somewhat homely example (judging from the photo) of WI 825 B, the Todd & McDermott token. The seller thought it was a ferry token, but vecturists know it was used on a horse-drawn hack, prior to World War I, that served the huge crowds seeking cures from "the plaster doctor of Somerset," as he was known. The full story is told on page 624 of Volume II of our catalogue. The token sold for \$326.01. I own it, but I don't think there are more than 2 or 3 others in captivity.



Unidentified #222 is a big 45mm round cardboard token that has the look of antiquity about it. The listed token is red. Comes now a letter from John Byars who not only owns the red one, but an unlisted yellow one as well. An enlarged photo of the yellow one is below to the left (reverse is blank).



John also reports owning Unidentified #180, a very neat-looking old token whose reverse somewhat resembles that of OH 165 G/H but without "cents". Could have been used on a boat on the Ohio River near Cincinnati? Enlarged photos are above to the right.

Al Kohlhardt has a couple tokens we haven't listed because we don't know what they were used on. I mentioned the Campbell one on page 83 of the September 2001 Fare Box. At the time I called the optometrist office in Tucson and was told that Dr. Campbell was no longer with them, and they were not inclined to talk about him, though they did say he had operated a carousel. But was it a real one that you could ride, or a toy in the office for kids to spin around? Can anyone enlighten us on this? The second token described below, the "Base Express", is another one we've known about. But just what was it used on? We have some members in the San Diego area. Can anyone enlighten us? I don't like to list something before I have some idea what, if anything, is was used on.

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A 25 Sd

No/Cash/Value (anodized red)

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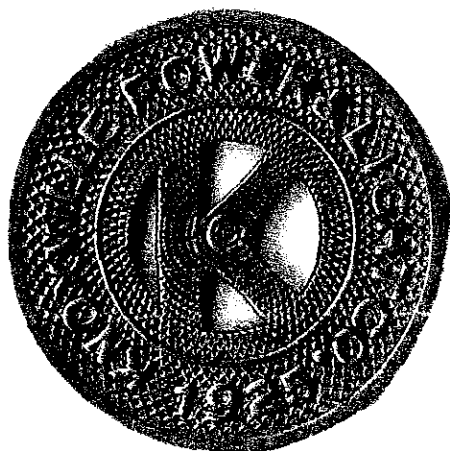
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## TRANSPORTATION TOKENS ALTERED BY THE ISSUING COMPANY

By John Coffee

An interesting category of tokens are those which were issued by a transit company, and then altered in some way by that same company, thereby creating a second variety for collectors. For this reason the unaltered token is often much scarcer than the altered one. All of this came to mind as I was studying the Knoxville tokens: TN 430 K and L. Apparently the first order of 19mm tokens arrived with the date 1925 on them, and then they decided that they should have 1927 on them instead. A few had already been struck with 1925, but when the manufacturer was informed of the change (or had the manufacturer--Scovill--simply goofed?) they at first altered the 1925 die to make the "5" into a "7" but this didn't work so well so they made new dies with 1927 on them. The result is that the true 1925 tokens are quite rare. Many collectors, I suspect, think they have the 1925 token when they actually have the altered token with the 5 smudged into a 7. Photos of the true 1925 and the smudged 1927 are below, along with the new 1927 token. Notice that the true 1925 token has a perfect "5" in the date. There is no mistaking it. And there aren't many of these in captivity.



TN 430 K



TN 430 La



TN 430 Lb

A similar situation arises in the case of PA 725 C, the octagonal Oil City & Petroleum Bridge token. Apparently the company decided to "round them out" for some reason, with the result that the true perfect octagonal tokens are very rare. Many collectors believe they have 725 C, but what they have is the "rounded" 725 C, which is really one of the many varieties of 725 D. The true 725 C has perfect sharp corners forming its octagon, and they are usually in XF or better condition, for very few of them escaped the alteration.

But such alteration has occurred in a number of other cases. For instance, NY 630 F, the 5th & 7th Avenue Lines token. For some reason, the "5th & 7th" tokens were made into "5th" tokens. So they took the 630 F tokens on hand and scratched off the "5th &" from them, and then also had the original die altered so future tokens being struck would have a blank tablet over where "5th &" had been. Consequently the original 630 F tokens are extremely rare. I have it, but I don't know of anyone else who does. There must be a couple more of them out there somewhere. The 630 G and H, both scarce, are not nearly so rare as 630 F.

Then we have MI 370 A, the Grand Rapids Railway Co. aluminum with a big star in its center. This one is extremely rare, whereas the 370 P, which is 370 A with a big hole drilled in the center, is only scarce. I don't know why the holes were put in them, but few seem to have escaped the holing process. A similar process was done to NE 440 B,C,D, all of which are extremely rare, whereas the holed versions of the same tokens (440 E,F,G) are barely scarce, a bunch having been discovered on a cane back in the 1950's.

On the other hand, we have the opposite situation in the case of the Beaver Falls, PA, Hill Top Bus Line tokens. The company, to avoid having to order new tokens, altered their tokens by scratching off some of the original wording. The result is a bunch of very ugly tokens. A lot of work and an ugly product probably gave them second thoughts. So the altered tokens are very scarce, whereas the original unaltered tokens are quite abundant. As anyone can take the common unaltered token and make himself the scarce altered token by some judicious scratching, we don't give these tokens the valuation their rarity deserves. I put 65 E, F, G, in the AVA auction a while back and they realized only \$12.25, \$9.00, and \$18.00, respectively. If pricing were based solely on rarity, I believe they would've fetched at least three times as much.

A unique case is that of PA 950 F, which is simply the very common 765 Z with an extra punch to make the Tr-sc into a kind of cut-out Star, for use in the town of Washington, PA. The altered token catalogues \$10 and is quite scarce, whereas the 765 Z is so common you can't give them away, even though every once in a while you will find one on Ebay offered by someone who thinks his 82-year-old token is a real rarity. It's one of the few tokens so common we list it at only 15¢.

Another fascinating case is that of MO 70 A, the extremely rare S.A. Holland token with a mottled reverse. The obverse die is identical to that on 70 E, the Holland token advertising a weird nostrum that "stops all aches and pains externally & internally." The only thing that would really do that would be a deadly poison, but back in those lively days the country was awash in cure-alls. Apparently there was some problem, at last, discovered with the "Rest(eye)ction Fluid" that was "sold by druggists," so Mr. Holland had the reverse side of his tokens advertising the nostrum mottled off. As two die varieties of 70 E are known, and so far as I know only one example of 70 A known, all of this remains a mystery. When I visited Boonville in 1994 and talked with the daughter-in-law of S.A. Holland, she knew nothing of the cure-all fluid, and the library had very scant records on Boonville history. I know the story is around there somewhere and I would love to research it.

Then there is the case of TX 965 G, the big 45mm round cardboard Baker Transfer Co. token. IN 1959 I made the acquaintance of Miss Mary Baker, daughter of the man who had issued all those depotel tokens, and I obtained quite a hoard of them. Of 965 G, there are, I believe, three perfect examples, but there were also three that had "to and" scratched off them. As these came from the source, the alteration had been done by Mr. Baker himself. What happened, I suspect, is that some drummers tried to ride his transfer hack from the depot to the hotel, and he wanted the token only used by someone who had already paid his 25¢ round trip and was given a token for the return to the depot. Notice the inscriptions on 965 B and H,I,J,K: "to return from hotels only" or "good only from hotels. Positively good only for this trip." So the 965 G, which originally said "good to and from hotels" was altered to read "good from hotels." As the alteration was so primitive, I didn't give the token a separate listing, but it really deserves it.

Then we have PA 725 E, the black vulcanite 26mm with the Venango Bridge on one side, and the Oil City & Petroleum Bridge on the other. Apparently when first issued the token was good on either bridge. But later it was decided to make the token specific for each bridge, so on some the Venango side was flattened off, and on others the Oil City & Petroleum side was flattened off. The result is that the token with both bridges intact is very scarce. In recent AVA auctions, it realized \$102 and \$98, respectively, whereas the 725 Bb, with Venango obliterated, fetched \$43.00.

There are several others, such as MD 560 B and C, issued by Potomac Edison. When the system was sold to Antietam Transit in 1957, the latter firm took the old tokens and obliterated the name of the former company, and continued using the tokens. Uglified up, is a better way of putting it. And PA 750 AO issued in 1949 and good for an adult "cash" fare. In October, same year, they removed "cash" and used them as 3/10¢ transfer tokens,, and in 1956 as school tokens. There are some others, too, but the above are the most interesting.

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Note: See Page 2 for descriptions of (\*) notes.

LOT	CATALOG	LOT	CATALOG	LOT	CATALOG	LOT	CATALOG	LOT	CATALOG
1	AL 40 B	42	IL 150 AI	83	MA 115 B	124	MO 440 U	165	NY 735 E
2	AL 120 L	43	IL 155 A	84	MA 115 Ya	125	MO 441 B	166	NY 780 Bb
3	AL 120 M	44	IL 370 Bc	85	MA 505 A	126	MO 910 I	167	NY 780 C
4	AK 300 C	45	IL 760 A	86	MA 997 C	127	MO 950 B	168	NY 905 A
5	AK 300 D	46	IL 795 B	87	MA 1000 D	128	MT 480 J	169	NY 905 Db
6	AK 450 L	47	IL 795 Db	88	MI 5 G	129	NE 120 C	170	NY 945 A
7	AR 435 B	48	IL 795 Eb	89	MI 5 H	130	NE 120 D	171	NY 945 B
8	CA 280 B	49	IN 90 A	90	MI 5 I	131	NE 305 D	172	NC 20 A
9	CA 295 A	50	IN 700 C (1)	91	MI 5 J	132	NE 540 AA	173	NC 30 C
10	CA 575 Ab	51	IN 930 C	92	MI 5 K	133	NE 580 A	174	NC 30 D
11	CA 625 Ba	52	IA 150 Bb	93	MI 55 A	134	NE 700 A	175	NC 40 B
12	CA 630 B	53	IA 230 Ca	94	MI 65 B	135	NE 700 AAa	176	NC 130 A
13	CA 650 A	54	IA 230 D	95	MI 65 C	136	NV 500 A	177	NC 130 Bb
14	CA 760 O	55	IA 230 E	96	MI 135 E	137	NH 520 Ab	178	NC 160 A
15	CA 760 Q	56	KS 40 D	97	MI 225 U	138	NH 640 H	179	NC 240 Ac
16	CA 715 C	57	KS 450 B	98	MI 265 C	139	NH 700 Ac	180	NC 290 A
17	CA 760 V	58	KS 450 C	99	MI 370 G	140	NJ 390 E	181	NC 290 D
18	CA 775 C	59	KS 880 A	100	MI 395 Bd	141	NJ 390 F	182	NC 380 B
19	CA 775 D	60	KS 940 M	101	MI 470 A	142	NM 40 B	183	NC 380 C
20	CA 815 C	61	KY 680 I	102	MI 525 I	143	NY 25 Cb	184	NC 380 E
21	CA 845 A	62	LA 620 A	103	MI 530 I	144	NY 235 B	185	NC 450 A
22	CA 845 B	63	ME 40 A	104	MI 560 R	145	NY 285 E	186	NC 450 B
23	CA 845 D	64	ME 40 B	105	MI 585 C	146	NY 355 D	187	NC 450 E
24	CA 845 E	65	ME 480 A (2)	106	MI 845 J	147	NY 410 A	188	NC 475 A
25	CA 945 I	66	ME 480 B	107	MI 1000 A	148	NY 440 B	189	NC 475 B
26	CA 950 C(k)	67	ME 710 A	108	MN 50 Mb	149	NY 615 F	190	NC 545 Aa
27	CO 340 A	68	ME 710 B	109	MN 50 Pc	150	NY 628 C	191	NC 545 Ab
28	CT 130 B	69	ME 740 A	110	MN 760 A (3)	151	NY 630 Lb	192	NC 545 B
29	CT 345 A	70	MD 60 Q	111	MN 620 C	152	NY 630 M (4)	193	NC 625 A
30	FL 95 A	71	MD 60 U	112	MN 900 C	153	NY 630 BC	194	NC 660 Aa
31	FL 130 A	72	MD 60 V	113	MN 900 E	154	NY 630 BD	195	NC 690 C
32	FL 380 C	73	MD 60 AD	114	MS 660 A	155	NY 630 BH	196	NC 690 D
33	FL 380 D	74	MD 60 AN	115	MS 660 C	156	NY 630 BJ	197	NC 690 E
34	FL 440 A	75	MD 60 AR	116	MS 720 E	157	NY 631 Sa	198	NC 700 B
35	HI 210 C	76	MD 300 A	117	MS 900 C	158	NY 631 Sb	199	NC 710 B
36	ID 640 A	77	MD 305 B	118	MS 900 E	159	NY 631 V	200	NC 770 B
37	IL 130 D	78	MD 815 A	119	MO 230 B	160	NY 631 Y	201	NC 880 A
38	IL 150 B	79	MD 940 D	120	MO 370 D	161	NY 632 D	202	NC 880 B
39	IL 150 Zb	80	MA 45 A	121	MO 420 B	162	NY 640 D	203	NC 950 B
40	IL 150 Zc	81	MA 45 B	122	MO 440 A	163	NY 690 A	204	NC 980 A
41	IL 150 ABb	82	MA 115 A	123	MO 440 Q	164	NY 735 Bb	205	NC 980 B

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206 NC 980 Ca	247 OH 860 Ba	288 PA 495 R	329 WA 780 Z	
207 NC 980 Cb	248 OH 860 Bb	289 PA 575 E	330 WA 880 A	<b>MANU SAMPLES</b>
208 NC 980 E	249 OH 870 B	290 PA 655 A	331 WA 880 I 2mm	355 11 A (8)
209 ND 320 Aa	250 OK 610 B	291 PA 720 A	332 WA 880 J	356 13 G (8)
210 ND 320 D	251 OK 640 Aa	292 PA 725 A	333 WV 290 H	357 17 B (8)
211 ND 900 C	252 OK 860 N	293 PA 725 Ba (5)	334 WI 220 A	358 22 A (8)
212 OH 10 A(2mm)	253 OR 20 E	294 PA 725 Da	335 WI 510 C	359 28 B (8)
213 OH 10 B	254 OR 100 B	295 PA 750 G	336 WI 975 E	
214 OH 10 K	255 OR 130 D	296 PA 750 O	337 WY 100 A	
215 OH 10 M	256 OR 160 I	297 PA 750 Z		
216 OH 10 N	257 OR 240 A	298 PA 765 Pa	<b>CONVENTIONS</b>	
217 OH 15 B	258 OR 340 A	299 PA 810 A	C4	338 PA 445 C
218 OH 15 F	259 OR 420 A	300 PA 850 D	C5	339 NY 630 AR
219 OH 35 C	260 OR 680 A	301 PA 860 A	C6	340 CA 25 A
220 OH 100 A	261 OR 700 B	302 PA 875 B	C7	341 CA 105 A
221 OH 115 A	262 OR 700 Tb	303 PA 950 F	C12	342 WA 780 W
222 OH 165 G	263 OR 820 B	304 PA 950 M	C24	343 MA 115 AK
223 OH 165 Q	264 OR 880 A	305 PA 965 Cb		
224 OH 165 T	265 OR 880 C	306 PA 965 Da	<b>CANADA</b>	
225 OH 175 W	266 PA 15 Kr	307 PA 985 C	344 BC 850 H	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>
226 OH 175 Za	267 PA 15 O	308 PA 997 B	345 BC 850 I	360 CT MI-2
227 OH 380 C	268 PA 65 D	309 PA 1000 B (6)	346 BC 700 A	361 CT MI-3
228 OH 380 G	269 PA 65 H	310 SC 560 A	347 BC 850 H	362 PP BJ
229 OH 440 Ab	270 PA 180 D	311 SD 760 Ax	348 ON 170 A	363 TT F (9)
230 OH 440 E	271 PA 180 G	312 SD 860 Bb	349 ON 900 A	364 TT G
231 OH 440 Ka	272 PA 195 K	313 TN 250 A	350 ON 900 C	365 TT S
232 OH 440 L	273 PA 195 L	314 TN 400 E	351 ON 900 F	
233 OH 440 M	274 PA 280 B	315 TN 430 I	352 ON 900 G	
234 OH 440 P	275 PA 295 A	316 TX 965 G (7)	353 ON 900 I	
235 OH 475 D-40	276 PA 295 B	317 TX 985 C	354 PQ 970 B	
236 OH 475 N	277 PA 305 D	318 VT 60 A	<b>NOTES:</b>	
237 OH 515 C	278 PA 320 Aa	319 VT 150 C	(1) Min. Bid 1.00	Dog, obv. Illegible
238 OH 520 A	279 PA 360 A	320 VT 150 D	(2) Worn	
239 OH 605 A	280 PA 395 Bd	321 VT 520 A	(3) Slightly bowed	
240 OH 660 Fa	281 PA 425 Ca	322 VT 595 A	(4) Min. bid 10.00	Damaged, dog
241 OH 660 Fb	282 PA 458 A	323 VT 595 B	(5) Scratched rev.	
242 OH 660 G	283 PA 460 B	324 VT 700 B	(6) Pc as issued, no badge # stamped	
243 OH 726 A	284 PA 460 C	325 VA 580 O	(7) 2 words removed by Mr. Baker himself	
244 OH 745 B	285 PA 490 A	326 VA 600 F	(8) Min. bid \$4	
245 OH 745 C	286 PA 495 G	327 WA 5 A	(9) Min. bid 10.00	
246 OH 750 A	287 PA 495 J	328 WA 780 K		

**NEW PLASTIC METRO TOKENS INTRODUCED IN DELHI, INDIA**

On October 28, 2003, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation announced a that a new "user-friendly fare collection to benefit its daily commuters" was being introduced. The tokens are red plastic, but I have no idea what they look like. This information is from a news release passed on to me by Yosef Sa'ar of Elat, Israel. Delhi, the capital of India, is a huge city so the tokens must be abundant. If any member can figure out how to obtain some of them, please let me know.



## STOCKS, MEDALS AND TOKENS HIGHLIGHTED IN NEW YORK SUBWAY EXHIBIT

Celebrating the centennial of the opening of the New York subway system in 1904, an exhibition titled "The Subway at 100: General William Barclay Parson and the Birth of the NYC Subway" salutes Parsons, the first chief engineer of the subway, and recognizes the importance of the subway system to the life and growth of the city. It is presented at the Science, Industry and Business Branch of the New York Public Library.

The exhibition will focus on Parsons as a collector, prominent New York City personage, military engineering specialist, educator and, primarily, as Chief Engineer of the New York City subway system. Tracing the planning and financing stages of the project, the exhibition includes correspondence between Parsons and August Belmont, the major financier of the project. Bonds from the construction company, as well as opening day medals and programs enhance the story.

The exhibit continues with reports and published works illustrating the growth and social and economic importance of the subway system to New York City, touching on subjects such as the importance of subway advertising, issues relating to women, and the environment.

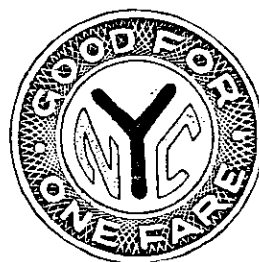
Many items will be drawn from the Library's William Barclay Parsons Collection; other materials such as maps, subway artifacts as well as tokens are on loan from the Parsons Brinckerhoff archives, the New York Historical Society, the Museum of the City of New York, The Transit Museum, the Museum of American Financial History, and the collection of AVA member George Cuhaj.

The exhibition is free and open from March 23 thru September 30, 2004. It is presented in Healy Hall, Science, Industry and Business Library, 188 Madison Avenue, New York City. Public hours 10 to 8 Tuesday thru Thursday, 10 to 6 on Friday and Saturday.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library will offer a number of public programs relating to the subway system. One of these included a slide illustrated lecture by George Cuhaj on medals and tokens of the Subway, on April 22 at 5:30 pm.

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The above news release was sent to us by George Cuhaj, who grew up in New York but now resides in Iola, Wisconsin. I remember that years ago Max Schwartz presented me with a beautiful large pure silver medal that had been struck on the occasion of the opening of the New York Subway in 1904. A few years after that George Cuhaj ran an illustrated article in The Fare Box about the various medals and tokens of the NY subway system.



= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-56 TO FEISEL'S FIFTH

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OHIO (Reported by (Reported by R Schopp)

COLUMBUS-3180

A B 25 Sd COLUMBUS / CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (three hearts)(WM pltd)  
Parking Token Parking Token (two hearts)(four comic characters) 2.00

LUXEMBOURG-3500-(Reported by R Schopp)

C B 26 Ch ARAL  
(same as obverse) 3.00

PTFA-3888

H We 38 Sd (AS G)  
(same as obverse)

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL was using paper tokennotes until recently when they converted to tokens

Bob picked up a brass version of LUXE-3500-B.

I've had the fantasy piece for many years. It was not until i was browsing through some old tokens did I notice the reverse being the same as the obverse.

Parking tokens were reported in use at the following locations: i have no information regarding their use.

WACHOVIA PARK BUILDING  
101 N. CHERRY ST  
GREENSBORO, NC, 27401

WALLIS SANDS STREET BEACH  
ROUTE 1-A  
RYE, NH, 03870

GATEWAY VILLAGE YMCA  
900 W TRADE ST  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

Bob Schopp also reported the following:

B 25 Sd AKRON CITY HOSPITAL / A VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT HOSPITAL  
No / Cash / Value

I have heard from the hospital and was informed that parking tokens are not in use there. No mention of the purpose of this item.

FEISEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =

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INTERESTING NEW TYPE OF OHIO 440 E

Just now, going thru tokens I obtained in 1979 when I purchased the Ralph Freiberg collection, I came across a new type of OH 440 E, the yellow celluloid Lancaster trolley token. The "yellow" tokens aren't as yellow as the "lemon" ones, and are not as scarce. The new one I discovered is fully 1mm smaller than the listed 440 E, and is completely opaque, whereas 440 E is definitely translucent. The pictured trolley is a trifle smaller, as well. I believe the opaque token was one of the original batch they ordered in 1896, whereas the translucent one is from a later order. We know they continued using these celluloids in Lancaster until 1937, probably the last cells in use in the country, which is why they are fairly abundant.

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03 BUY	25 SALE	40 WANTED
<p>Transportation tickets. Paying good prices for old US transportation tickets, mostly pre-1935. I'm an avid collector. If it's not convenient for you to copy the tickets or list them, then please send me a vrief note or make a quick call. I'll be glad to call you back to discuss the tickets and how I'd price them. 919-468-5510.</p> <p>Dan Benice P. O. Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708</p>	<p>Books of transfer and school ride tickets \$1.50 each plus SASE</p> <p>"School Bus Ben" 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>Wanted in quantity: [CO] 260-A, H, I, R. Paying 10c each in cash or will consider trade. Write first before sending tokens. Phone: 303-777-1770.</p> <p>Eugene J. Schaetzel P. O. Box 200174 Montclair Station Denver CO 80220-0174</p>
<p>25 SALE</p> <p>I recently acquired a partial roll of NY 631-R tokens. I can offer them for the catalogue price of \$1.00 each plus one 37c stamp. If you need more than one, that is OK too.</p> <p>Morton Dawson 100 Oakwood Avenue Apartment B-3 West Hartford CT 06119-2149</p>	<p>30 TRADE</p> <p>Will trade [IN] 590-A (Rev A), [NY] 150-F; 160-K; [PA] 985-N, O; [TX] 502-B for any of these tokens: [AR] 885-F; [CA] 405-A; 520-C; 540-I, J; 745-AG; [FL] 105-G; 530-L; [IN] 590-B; [MD] 840-B, C; [MN] 100-A thru G; [NY] 285-E; [PA] 180-K; 630-C, D; [RI] 521-J, K; [TX] 65-F; 255-X; 915-A, B; [OH] 775-A. (716)668-1171.</p> <p>Joe Radomski 26 Dogwood Drive Cheektowaga NY 14227-2367</p>	<p>[CA] 50-B; [CO] 140-A; 140-K; 260-F; 280-C; 340-C; 420-A; 440-B, C; 460-D; 640-A, B; [WY] 120-B, C, E, J, K. Good Condition. Will pay premium. E-mail: liquidspirits@msn.com Thanks.</p> <p>Ron Shearer 503 S.W. 42nd Street Loveland CO 80537-7523</p>
<p>100 mixed transportation tokens. \$15.00 postpaid.</p> <p>James Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>	<p>Two for One!! Still inviting members to send up to 30 different TT's, and I will send you 2 for 1 up to 60 TT's of my choice. Send \$2.50 for postage. E-mail: schoolbusben@cs.com</p> <p>"School Bus Ben" 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>Will Pay \$15.00 each, plus postage for any of the following Buffalo and Kenmore tokens: [NY] 440-A, B; 105-B, G. Please call 518-638-8723 or write.</p> <p>Chuck Inman 2360 County Route 46 Fort Edward NY 12828-3513</p>
		<p>Paying full catalogue for all Sioux City, IA transportation tokens.</p> <p>James Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827</p>

**CORRECTION:** The captions beneath the photos on page 38 last month are incorrect. The tokens, of course, are really MO 668 A-C, and MO 668 D.

SUPPLEMENT #29 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA  
BY HAROLD V. FORD SECOND EDITION

CALIFORNIA

Auburn 40

TURPINS CAR WASH (STARS)

C	Bz	25	Sd	No Cash Value	rwm	\$1.00
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Woodlake 987.5

WOODLAKE CAR WASH 705 NO. VALENCIA rwm (ANTIQUE CAR)

A o	Bz	25	Sd	No Cash Value	rwm	7.50
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CONNECTICUT

Danbury 85

COURTESY OF FAIR HONDA 102 FEDERAL RD. DANBURY, CT  
(HONDA LOGO)

B	Pw	38	Sd	Top Hat Car Wash 42 Federal Rd. Danbury, CT (front of cartoon auto)(blue printing)	2.00
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COMPLIMENTS OF FAIR HONDA FREE CAR WASH FAIR HONDA  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT

C	We	38	Sd	Redeem at Val's Car Wash Federal Road Danbury, CT	1.00
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ILLINOIS

Lemont 502

1174 SOUTH STATE STREET LEMONT, IL (CARTOON ELEPHANT  
IN GO-CART)

A	Bz	25	Sd	Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value	hh	1.00
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KANSAS

Salina 880

GREEN LANTERN (LANTERN)

G o	WM	25	Sd	Carwash Token (antique car) (880 F & G were the earliest issues)	1.50
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LOUISIANA

Athens 62

ATKINS QUIC-MART CARWASH ATHENS, LA

A o	Bz	26	Sd	Meter-All Dallas Texas	20.00
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PENNSYLVANIA

Mechanicsburg 620

LAWRENCE CHEVROLET (CHEVROLET LOGO)

A	Pi	32	Sd	Rain Check Redeem at Cashiers Window For a Complimentary Car Wash (black printing)(khaki color)	3.50
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenwood 500

DAZZLE AUTOMATIC WASH TOKEN (STAR) DAZZLE CAR WASH  
(same as obverse)(16mm brass center)(reeded edge)

C	WM	27	Sd		6.00
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

2759 Ulf Carleson - Skeppargatan 22A, 3 tr - SE-11452 Stockholm, Sweden  
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## 2004 A. V. A. CONVENTION AUCTION

The following rules will apply to mail bids for this auction, to be held at the Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 14, 2004.

1. The ruling catalog shall be the Atwood-Coffee 5th Edition, with pricing adjustments as have been reported in the Fare Box.
2. Bid by Lot Number only, and use only this bid sheet, or single column typed with lot number, bid by e-mail. You may fax this sheet only.
3. Bids of less than Catalog value will not be considered, except as noted.
4. All bids over \$3.00 will be reduced to 10% over the second highest bid.
5. Postage and insurance will be added to all winning bids.
6. Full payment in U.S. dollars must be received before tokens will be mailed.
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9. ***Please*** print clearly, include your telephone and AVA member numbers.

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FAX: 361 854-3946

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**Bidder Name**

AVA Number

### Bidder Address

**Bidder Phone Number**

**Bidder e-mail:**

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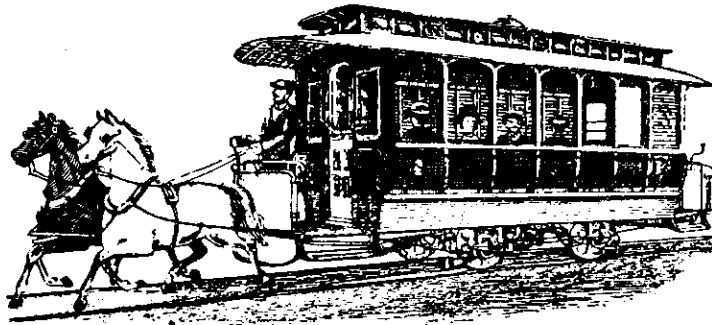
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June 21. I shall be leaving Boston on July 2 for my annual visit to California. I expect to arrive at Hal Ford's home in Moraga about July 9 or 10, and shall remain there until July 27. Will drive back to Boston, and then head south for our annual convention at Charlotte, NC. So send mail for The Fare Box to me in care of Hal Ford, address above.

The annual convention of the American Vecturist Association, the world's most venerable association of token collectors, will be held August 12-15 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Charlotte, NC. Registration, which as always includes everything, is \$65, and should be sent to Joel Reznick at P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling IL 60090. According to my AAA tour book, our hotel is situated at S. McDowell & 3rd Sts., and members should make your own reservations directly with the hotel (704-372-7550) and be sure to say you are with the AVA to secure our very special reduced rate. The room rate (for AVA only) is \$75 single or double. Hope to see you there.

Every member in attendance at the AVA Convention will receive a beautiful cray-on drawing of the old Charlotte Mint (operated 1837-1913) done by AVA member George Osborn of Gretna, LA. George has done one of these of each of the U.S. mints, and if I say so myself, they are beautiful works of art. The one conventioners will receive is 8x10" on heavy mat paper and suitable for framing. George has provided these for us with his compliments.

In the March supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue we listed a 39mm aluminum token that had been used some years ago on a carousel at Seaport Village in San Diego. Hal Ford managed to get one of these by a lot of phone calling, and apparently his is the only one in captivity. On April 17, this magnificent old carousel, built about 1890, was sold on the auction block. Some of the hand-carved animals were estimated to fetch \$50,000 to \$150,000 each. Harold's token is a very rare piece of Americana.

Bill Sowell, our New Issues Service Manager, has now received a shipment of the new 2004 token issued by the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan, courtesy of Charles Heilman, a non-member who has been kind enough to secure these for us each year. So NIS members will be receiving it in due time.



### CORRECTIONS TO AVA CONVENTION AUCTION

Keith Haney, our auction chairman, has sent me several corrections to the AVA auction, which was printed in last month's Fare Box.

- Lot 51: IN 930 C should be Cb
- Lot 77: "MD 305 B" should be MA 305 B
- Lot 96: MI 135 F does not have pumpkin reverse.
- Lot 220: OH 100 A is listed at 50¢, but was only available from the issuing authority for \$5.00. It was good for 50¢ fare.
- Lot 280: PA 395 "Bd" should be PA 395 B. There are no minor varieties of this token.
- Lot 312: SD 860 Bb should be 680 Bb
- Lot 347: withdrawn because it duplicates Lot 344.

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### NEW TRANSFER TOKEN FROM KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

By John Coffee

Last Fall, roaming the internet in search of new issues, I came across a listing for Ketchikan, AK, referring to "blue transfer tokens," so I phoned up there. I was bumped from person to person before I finally found someone who knew about the little bus system and its tokens. I was told that "they are blue and made of tin of some sort," but beyond that I couldn't get any information. After getting an answering machine all week, I sent some money and hoped someone would send me a couple of them (still not knowing what it looked like beyond that it was blue). Nothing happened.

Just this month I decided to try again. I got a nice young lady who was surprised I had not received anything. She took my address and phone number and said she'd get back to me. A week later in the mail, finally, came two tokens taped to a sheet of paper with "Have a nice day" written beneath them. Success! It is a nice token:

A 25 Sd      KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH/THE BUS/(BUS with "The Bus" on route sign)  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough/The Bus/Good/For/One/Ride/rwm [anodized blue]

Ketchikan is a tiny city at the extreme southern corner of the Alaska Panhandle, population about 10,000. Information from the internet indicates the bus line has just 3 van buses, each can carry 30 passengers and 12 standees. They have two bus lines: the green and the blue, and the fare is \$1.50. Kids and seniors \$1.25. The token is used to transfer from the green line to the blue line, hence its color. Tokens are available from Green Line drivers, and they cost \$1.50 or \$1.25. Now I assume the same token is for either fare, but can't be sure. Because of the difficulty I experienced in getting two tokens, I am not sanguine about prospects for getting a supply for the New Issues Service. But we'll try.

Incidentally when I went to put the new token in my collection I came across an interesting little pinback, and I have no idea where I got it. It's 26mm yellow with black printing: TRANSPORTATION PASS / KETCHIKAN / PUBLIC SCHOOLS with a number on the back under the pin. I assume the kids simply wore these. I have no idea how old it is, but I think it's been in my collection since I bought Ralph Freiberg's collection in 1979.

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### STAMFORD, CT, USING TAXI TOKENS AT RAILROAD STATION

They are using a token at the Stamford RR station that allows the buyer to use the taxi service. You buy it from a machine next to the taxi stand, and it costs \$2. You give the token to the starter who coordinates the taxi line up. The token is to pay the starter. It has nothing to do with paying for the taxi. Why do they need a taxi starter? It seems that the taxi area was not thought out too well. The token is not popular. Twice I have tried to buy one but the machine has been out of order, so the starter collects the \$2. The starter told me the token resembles a casino token with "NO CASH VALUE" on it.

- Melvin R. Orr



## AVA COMPUTER PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

By Bill Weber AVA V.P.

As of this writing 50 members responded. 43 said they were interested and the other 7 made no comments one way or the other. In answer to my survey questions the following replies were received by email and so noted.

A. Having an AVA webpage on the internet and use of it. 25 members said yes, and 25 did not comment one way or the other. However I believe all 50 approved.

B. Having USA & World catalogues available and updated to members. 9 members replied in several different ways. Most concerns were that members only would have access to these. MY THOUGHTS ABSOLUTELY !

C. Comments about their collecting interests.

20 members replied they collected USA transits tokens only.

8 members replied they collected world transit tokens also.

8 members replied they collected Carwash, and Parking tokens also.

**NOTE:** Several members that did not comment on the above survey questions, I am sure were due to not remembering the contents of the survey and replied days later. "No offence"

I am guilty also! And several replied after a reminder email. Sorry I did not email everyone that had a computer, HOWEVER please accept this **REMINDER** that your added comments will be appreciated and so noted. I would like to hear from you also! And those 50 members again with any additional comments you may wish to add.

Many good comments included. Having a computer program to organize our collections, and keeping track of the values and our wanted items, I would be interested in.

The ability to buy, sell, and or trade on an AVA webpage would be great.

Also

Announcements, How to find, and increasing our membership were the interests and concerns of most of us. And having the Fare Box available on the webpage was expressed by several members.

Please write or email me with your comments and ideas. I am interested in the future of the AVA, and the future is in the internet. Thanks for your interest !

Reply To: LOU8066@aol.com

or

Bill Weber AVA V.P.

6758 KOA Dr.

New Tripoli PA. 18066

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### PLASTIC STRANGERS

Odd plastic tokens which the authorities named on them insist were never ordered or used, keep showing up. One is green plastic 29mm inscribed "City of Gloversville / Transit / Senior Citizen / Student // Hannaford Ride / And Save / 725-0847" I phoned the number on the token and they denied ever having seen such a token. Another 29mm green token has simply "TRANSIT TOKEN" in black letters on each side. Then we have one with ONE/SINGLE/FARE on obverse with blank reverse, and one with TINKERS (on obverse) and 258-TAXI (on reverse).

**Prices Realized From The Eighth W.D. Sacks Token Auction**

1	2.22	52	6.82	103	101.26	154	269.50	205	5.10	256	10.62
2	7.50	53	17.20	104	3.60	155	13.81	206	5.50	257	2.25
3	2.10	54	32.15	105	6.64	156	No Bid	207	1.47	258	1.65
4	2.00	55	3.10	106	9.10	157	11.00	208	17.90	259	8.55
5	2.83	56	0.92	107	No Bid	158	4.68	209	13.37	260	1.00
6	2.55	57	12.83	108	7.58	159	No Bid	210	4.68	261	1.12
7	1.75	58	3.63	109	2.15	160	No Bid	211	No Bid	262	1.12
8	2.06	59	5.78	110	1.40	161	7.72	212	3.20	263	6.60
9	4.55	60	4.40	111	5.00	162	27.61	213	2.15	264	2.50
10	1.75	61	4.51	112	32.00	163	42.79	214	3.15	265	2.50
11	3.00	62	6.55	113	No Bid	164	No Bid	215	6.55	266	2.50
12	2.65	63	2.00	114	13.42	165	1.65	216	7.00	267	3.23
13	10.00	64	2.15	115	No Bid	166	3.10	217	10.97	268	2.75
14	8.97	65	19.80	116	5.78	167	2.15	218	7.58	269	2.65
15	35.50	66	2.37	117	38.61	168	143.00	219	2.15	270	6.87
16	3.30	67	40.00	118	No Bid	169	86.87	220	5.51	271	3.95
17	10.00	68	44.30	119	3.00	170	3.65	221	4.00	272	2.65
18	4.95	69	3.00	120	No Bid	171	7.90	222	4.00	273	9.15
19	No Bid	70	No Bid	121	2.15	172	1.00	223	3.03	274	2.15
20	7.70	71	8.31	122	3.15	173	32.00	224	2.55	275	0.92
21	3.47	72	No Bid	123	2.15	174	23.21	225	221.50	276	3.30
22	3.40	73	75.00	124	25.70	175	2.15	226	5.67	277	5.00
23	5.20	74	7.73	125	6.60	176	4.50	227	4.40	278	22.00
24	3.21	75	2.68	126	No Bid	177	3.25	228	3.00	279	9.10
25	9.90	76	23.30	127	1.85	178	2.75	229	3.60	280	4.15
26	11.91	77	11.40	128	9.33	179	5.39	230	2.68	281	6.55
27	0.92	78	1.57	129	11.00	180	1.02	231	3.60	282	7.56
28	1.75	79	6.93	130	5.00	181	No Bid	232	No Bid	283	2.22
29	3.10	80	3.05	131	2.25	182	No Bid	233	3.15	284	8.20
30	2.55	81	12.16	132	11.55	183	2.01	234	93.31	285	2.82
31	44.00	82	8.80	133	2.10	184	1.55	235	80.08	286	3.85
32	14.28	83	9.41	134	11.28	185	1.45	236	54.04	287	2.95
33	1.00	84	8.31	135	12.40	186	3.15	237	12.97	288	18.15
34	4.57	85	pulled	136	3.10	187	No Bid	238	No Bid	289	14.25
35	10.62	86	77.57	137	2.55	188	No Bid	239	No Bid	290	7.82
36	8.31	87	4.07	138	3.10	189	2.10	240	No Bid	291	6.87
37	1.95	88	5.81	139	1.80	190	5.15	241	2.50	292	9.25
38	13.20	89	5.00	140	3.74	191	No Bid	242	12.10	293	2.30
39	3.97	90	8.00	141	8.80	192	4.10	243	23.21	294	9.25
40	22.00	91	2.55	142	5.50	193	4.50	244	7.50	295	1.85
41	6.22	92	6.93	143	29.56	194	3.10	245	17.71	296	1.45
42	7.01	93	5.10	144	16.50	195	3.10	246	6.15	297	2.55
43	6.07	94	2.00	145	8.80	196	3.10	247	2.15	298	1.25
44	3.60	95	7.92	146	25.00	197	4.40	248	No Bid	299	3.68
45	6.60	96	4.25	147	12.10	198	8.43	249	3.00	300	13.48
46	3.30	97	3.15	148	5.56	199	4.50	250	4.08		
47	3.30	98	11.85	149	12.10	200	4.50	251	1.55		
48	5.25	99	8.05	150	4.68	201	4.40	252	2.00		
49	5.61	100	3.11	151	3.50	202	5.12	253	1.25		
50	4.40	101	113.75	152	0.92	203	4.40	254	3.65		
51	3.30	102	8.86	153	33.00	204	5.01	255	4.00		

[SEE PAGE 18 OF THE FEBRUARY 2004 ISSUE FOR LIST OF LOTS]

= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-57 TO THE FIFTH EDITION =  
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**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**SOUIX FALLS-3840**

CITY OF SOUIX FALLS / DOWNTOWN PARKING (Miss Justice with scales-crest)  
F B 25 Sd Historic / D T S F / Downtown 1.00

**COSTA RICA**

**SAN JOSE-3760** (Formerly PTUN-3080)

PARQUIMETRO / 1/2 HORA (two grooves)  
A A 26 Sd Ad Meliora city crest) 2.00

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =  
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The Sioux Falls is a recent addition to this city. A very neat looking token!

I have seen the COSTA RICAN token offered and was reported to me a few times with the information that it was from Costa Rica. No one could give me proof until Bob Merlin did some exceptional research and gave me the following: Bob found the origin of the crest as being from San Jose. The shield was created by R R Fernandez and approved in 1904. The shield has a silver star, in a blue field and red trimming. Two branches of coffee interlaced and crowing the shield is a gold strip with motto AD MELIORA (in LATIN: the most perfect thing). in blue letters. Thanks to Bob, This definitely proves its location, our first from that country.

Irwin Reuben has reported the following token:

RADISSON HOTEL / AT PARK PLAZA / RWM (logo)  
B 25 Sd The / Grey / Fox

The 2X2 holder said Oshkosh, WI. I could find no listing for this hotel there. If anyone recognizes, please determine if such is a parking token and advise.

Parking tokens were reported in use at the following locations. I have no information on any of them. Anyone making a hit please advise me so we can share the info with our members,

WESTLAKE CLUB INC  
570 WESTLAKE PARK BLVD  
HOUSTON, TX 77079

GEORGIA STATE U  
33 GILMER ST  
ATLANTA, GA 30303

STRANGWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
260 EAST STREET NORTH  
SARINA, ONT CANADA N7T 6X7

FIESEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =  
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PERSONAL TOKEN MANUFACTURERS

On the front page last month I mentioned that several collectors would like to know where they can have personal tokens made. I still don't know about metal tokens, but several members sent in the names of firms that make plastic tokens:

Armsco Co. - 4026 N. 45th Pl. - Phoenix, AZ 85018 (602-840-3054)  
Kardwell International - P.O. Box 33 - Matituck, NY 11952 (800-233-0828)  
The Token Factory - 2131 South Avenue - P.O. Box 1928 - LaCrosse, WI 54601 (888-486-5367)  
Bob Bozart - N10169 Lakeview Drive - Tomahawk, WI 54487 (715-453-8380) [mention Larry Dziubek]

JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE  
By Harold V. Ford

ALABAMA

Auburn 100 (Reported by Stan Varnon)

VILLAGE MALL/AUBURN/ALABAMA/RMM

A o B 29 Sd Admit One/Venetian Carousel/(carousel horse  
under canopy) (Later used in Gadsden along with AL 370 B)1.00

MASSACHUSETTS

South Lee 735

HOUSATONIC. RR./SECTION NO. 17/ONE PASSAGE/  
BETWEEN/SO. LEE/AND/LENOX

A o B 42 Sd (blank) (obverse lettering is incuse) 150.00

VIRGINIA

Hampton 420 (Reported by Harry Crow)

HRT/TROLLEY/æ

A o B 16 Sd Good/For/One/Fare

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UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by John Byars)

GOOD FOR/ONE RIDE ON/MERRY/GO-ROUND/P. JENSEN

283 Fy 45 Sd (blank)

FANTASIES

Pennsylvania (Reported by George Schroeder)

I USE THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER TUNNEL (EST. 1934)/  
JIM/HORN/WSBA/3-7 pm

3 A 32 Sd Good For One Passage/T.A.T.A. L.A.L.A./WSBA/  
Dial 910/Susquehanna River Tunnel

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

GA 60 AM - reverse after (Olympic Torch) add 100

IL 235 D - reverse should read: One Fare/Full/ED

TX 340 V - reverse signature should read: John P. Barturiewicz (fax),  
not "John T."

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NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The carousel token we list from Auburn, AL, has been obsolete for a number of years and the Village Mall is now known as the Colonial Mall. Current mall management could not locate any specimens. Stan Varnor of Birmingham, AL, occasionally visits the Gadsden, AL, carousel operation that uses AL 370 B and obtains a few tokens each time, since the operator will not sell a quantity due to a low supply. He discovered several Auburn, AL, carousel tokens among the specimens he purchased recently.

The South Lee, MA, Housatonic RR listing was a recent offering of ebay under "Collectible Transportation Railroadiana" and sold for \$333.00. Quite a bargain! This is the 10th listing for this railroad which was written up in the April Fare Box.

Harry Crow discovered the Hampton Roads Transit trolley token about a year ago. He attempted to check it out last summer when he visited the area. He struck out, but got a name of a contact person. John Coffee phoned last summer and was able to obtain two specimens and the name of another contact person. Bill Sowell, NIS Manager, contacted the local authority and learned they are trying to locate specimens.

Bill ran across a "Transit Gram/Service Improvement" that stated HRT stopped using tokens effective 2/1/04 and noted a token exchange program would expire on 5/21/04. Perhaps the NIS will eventually handle this one, so we list it with a \*\*\* value at this time. The obverse mintmark is that of Osborn Coinage of Cincinnati.

The Unidentified listing was pictured on page 44 of the May Fare Box. John Byars owns it plus the only known specimen of Unid. 222.

The Pennsylvania Fantasy listing was noted and pictured on page 39, 4/04.

Don Homberg reports the Baltimore Zoo (soon to have a name change to The Maryland Zoo at Baltimore) replaced the use of tickets with tokens. The token is 29mm brass "BALTIMORE ZOO / 2004 / (BEAR) // hm / (carousel horse". Unfortunately it is not listable due to lack of adequate verbiage, but it has a number of uses including: train, 2 tokens; carousel, 1 token; tugger (rubber air-inflated bouncing attraction), 1 token; The Wall (a rubber tire mounted rock-climbing wall), 3 tokens; dino ride, 2 tokens; dinosaur education area, 1 token. The token is worth \$1.00. Don has offered to make specimens available to anyone for \$1 each plus a stamped addressed envelope. His address: 3017 N. Calvert St. - Baltimore, MD 21218-3915.

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# THE CAR WASH TOKEN NEW ISSUES SERVICE

By Louis Lockwood

Inasmuch as the new Manager of the Car Wash Token New Issues Service has not received the records from the former manager yet, it would be appreciated if current C.W. NIS members (and any other AVA members interested in becoming members of the new C.W. NIS) would send their names & addresses (and email address if applicable) to the new Manager: Louis Lockwood - 10420 Sugardale St. - Harrison, OH 45030-1734 (or email it to [elmwoodrr@fuse.net](mailto:elmwoodrr@fuse.net)). This is only to locate current C.W. NIS members, and to find (and encourage) additional members. No commitment is intended at present so I shall ask that you do not send any funds at this time.

To those of you who are current C.W. NIS members: when the previous records are received, each of you will receive a letter with your "current fund balance" listed, the number of token sets on hand for shipments, an updated C.W. NIS Policy letter, and a few comments of my intentions as C.W. NIS Manager.

John Coffee has also requested ongoing information about car wash token collecting, price updates, obsoletes, variations, token hunting, and other related topics, for The Fare Box. Thanks, and happy collecting!

## AUCTION OF HORSECAR AND PICTURE TOKENS (RESERVE 3X CATALOGUE)

IA 150 B  
IA 390 B  
IA 590 A  
IA 590 B  
KS 640 D  
KS 880 A  
KY 480 A  
ME 480 A

ME 480 B  
MN 230 C  
MN 510 A  
MN 540 C  
MN 540 D  
MN 760 C  
NY 630 LA

NY 780 B  
PA 750 A  
PA 750 G  
TN 375 A  
TN 375 B  
WI 360 B  
WI 360 C  
WI 510 C

The WI 510 C has a couple indentations on the reverse. Nothing major.  
Winner to pay postage & insurance. Check or money order only, payable to:

ED MILLER - 3257 IDAHO LANE - COSTA MESA, CA 92626

(NOTE CORRECTED CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2004)

9th AUCTION OF TOKENS FROM THE W.D. SACKS COLLECTION

1. All bids must be postmarked no later than JULY 19, 2004
2. Bids under Catalog value WILL NOT be considered unless specially noted.
3. Please bid by LOT # ONLY.
4. Bids over \$5 will be reduced to 10% above the 2nd high bid.
5. Successful bidders are responsible for postage and insurance, and must remit prior to shipment, if requested.
6. Varieties listed are from the Godsoe Varieties Catalog.

MAIL BIDS TO: Joel J. Reznick, 116 Meyerson Way, Wheeling, IL 60090-2101

1. MO 999 A	51. OR 760 C	101. PA 110 G	151. PA 325 D	201. PA 525 F	251. PA 725 A
2. NY 615 C	52. OR 800 A	102. PA 125 B	152. PA 340 A	202. PA 525 L	252. PA 725 Ba
3. OH 230 U	53. OR 800 B	103. PA 130 A holed	153. PA 340 B	203. PA 525 M	253. PA 725 Bb
4. OH 745 F	54. OR 800 C	104. PA 135 A	154. PA 340 C	204. PA 525 N	254. PA 725 C holed
5. OK 320 B	55. OR 820 A	105. PA 135 B	155. PA 340 D	205. PA 525 O	255. PA 725 Da
6. OR 60 A	56. OR 880 A	106. PA 145 A	156. PA 360 A	206. PA 525 P	256. PA 725 Db
7. OR 60 B	57. OR 880 C	107. PA 146 A	157. PA 400 B	207. PA 525 Q	257. PA 725 Dc
8. OR 80 B	58. OR 970 A	108. PA 146 B	158. PA 400 C	208. PA 526 EE	258. PA 725 E
9. OR 100 Aa	59. OR 970 B	109. PA 146 C	159. PA 400 D	209. PA 526 FA	259. PA 725 Ea
10. OR 100 B	60. OR 970 C	110. PA 150 A	160. PA 405 A	210. PA 526 IA	260. PA 725 Eb
11. OR 130 A	61. PA 15 C	111. PA 150 B	161. PA 415 A	211. PA 526 KA	261. PA 745 B
12. OR 130 B	62. PA 15 D	112. PA 155 A	162. PA 420 A	212. PA 526 KB	262. PA 745 Db
13. OR 130 Ca	63. PA 15 E	113. PA 155 B	163. PA 425 Ca	213. PA 555 A	263. PA 745 E
14. OR 130 Cb	64. PA 15 F	114. PA 165 A	164. PA 400 A	214. PA 575 B	264. PA 750 A
15. OR 130 D	65. PA 15 Ka	115. PA 165 C	165. PA 440 B	215. PA 575 C	265. PA 750 B
16. OR 160 A	66. PA 15 Kb	116. PA 165 E	166. PA 440 C	216. PA 575 Ea	266. PA 750 E
17. OR 160 B	67. PA 15 Kc	117. PA 165 H	167. PA 400 D	217. PA 585 Aa	267. PA 750 F
18. OR 160 C	68. PA 15 Kd	118. PA 175 A	168. PA 440 E	218. PA 585 Ab	268. PA 750 G
19. OR 160 D	69. PA 15 L	119. PA 175 B	169. PA 445 C	219. PA 590 C	269. PA 750 Ka
20. OR 160 E	70. PA 15 M	120. PA 175 D	170. PA 445 D	220. PA 590 D	270. PA 750 Lb
21. OR 160 F	71. PA 15 N	121. PA 180 A	171. PA 455 A	221. PA 595 A	271. PA 750 N
22. OR 160 G	72. PA 15 O	122. PA 180 D	172. PA 455 E	222. PA 595 B	*272. PA 750 N*
23. OR 160 J	73. PA 15 P	123. PA 180 E	173. PA 455 G	223. PA 605 Ba	273. PA 750 O
24. OR 160 K	74. PA 20 C	124. PA 180 G	174. PA 460 B	224. PA 605 Da	274. PA 750 R holed
25. OR 160 L	75. PA 25 A	125. PA 180 H	175. PA 460 C	225. PA 605 F	275. PA 750 Z edg dam
26. OR 240 A	76. PA 25 B	126. PA 180 I	176. PA 460 D	226. PA 605 I	276. PA 750 AB
27. OR 240 B	77. PA 25 C	127. PA 195 A	177. PA 470 A	227. PA 605 O	277. PA 750 AC
28. OR 240 E	78. PA 25 D	128. PA 195 B	178. PA 480 A	228. PA 615 D	278. PA 750 AD
29. OR 240 F	79. PA 55 A	129. PA 195 C	179. PA 480 B	229. PA 615 E	279. PA 750 AE
30. OR 240 G	80. PA 65 A	130. PA 195 D	180. PA 485 A	230. PA 615 F	280. PA 750 AJ
31. OR 240 J	81. PA 65 B	131. PA 195 E	181. PA 490 A	231. PA 615 G	281. PA 750 AN
32. OR 240 K	82. PA 65 C	132. PA 195 F	182. PA 495 A	232. PA 615 H	282. PA 750 AT
33. OR 340 A	83. PA 65 D	133. PA 195 Gb	183. PA 495 B	233. PA 615 I	283. PA 750 AU
34. OR 400 E	84. PA 65 E	134. PA 195 J	184. PA 495 C	234. PA 615 K	284. PA 750 AX
35. OR 420 A	85. PA 65 F	135. PA 195 L surf rst	185. PA 495 E crkonrev	235. PA 615 L	285. PA 750 AY
36. OR 460 A	86. PA 65 G	136. PA 280 A	186. PA 495 G	236. PA 630 Ab	286. PA 750 BA
37. OR 500 A	87. PA 65 H	137. PA 280 B	187. PA 495 H	237. PA 630 Bb	287. PA 750 BB
38. OR 680 A	88. PA 65 I	138. PA 295 A	188. PA 495 I	238. PA 630 Bc	288. PA 750 BC
39. OR 680 B	89. PA 65 J	139. PA 295 B	189. PA 495 J edg dmg	239. PA 630 Cb	289. PA 750 BD
40. OR 700 B	90. PA 65 K	140. PA 295 C	190. PA 495 K stained	240. PA 645 Aa	290. PA 750 BE
41. OR 700 D	91. PA 65 L	141. PA 305 A	191. PA 495 L	241. PA 645 B	291. PA 765 I
42. OR 700 E	92. PA 65 M	142. PA 305 C	192. PA 495 N	242. PA 650 A	292. PA 765 Pb
43. OR 700 F	93. PA 65 N thin	143. PA 305 D	193. PA 495 R	243. PA 650 B	293. PA 765 Ra
44. OR 700 K	94. PA 65 N thick	144. PA 310 A	194. PA 495 T	244. PA 650 D	294. PA 765 S
45. OR 700 Ra	95. PA 65 O	145. PA 315 A	195. PA 495 AB	245. PA 650 E	295. PA 765 U
46. OR 700 S	96. PA 65 Q	146. PA 315 B	196. PA 495 AD	246. PA 655 A	296. PA 765 AG
47. OR 700 Tb	97. PA 85 A	147. PA 315 C	197. PA 495 AF	247. PA 675 C	297. PA 770 C
48. OR 700 Z	98. PA 110 C	148. PA 320 Aa	198. PA 515 B	248. PA 675 D	298. PA 775 Aa
49. OR 760 A	99. PA 110 E	149. PA 325 Aa	199. PA 515 C	249. PA 705 Db	299. PA 770 Ab
50. OR 760 B	100. PA 110 F	150. PA 325 C	200. PA 525 A	250. PA 720 A	300. PA 780 Aa

PA 750 N\* like PA 750 N, but in brown vulcanite, with all letters & stars incuse, both sides - holed - Vol II pg 709.

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Mort Dawson  
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06119-2149

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Albuquerque 1980 February 15-17 American Numismatic Association Mid Year Convention (picture of New Mexico Zuni Indian Sun & racing road runner bird). Road Runner Pass AOA OB SD Italy (71x46mm)(anodized gold)(Club Tour token [NM] CT-1) \$5.00 each postpaid.

Bill Fox  
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New Lenox IL  
60451-3269

**US MISCELLANEOUS**

I have a 12 page list of about 250 misc. tokens, transportation related books and pamphlets, post cards, AVA convention ribbons and other STUFF. Send \$1.00 for a copy. Also still have about 100 foreign and 2200 different US TT's. Which lists do you want?

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60053-1337

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Redondo Beach CA  
90277-1755

For a SASE will send a list of 160 plus TT's at A-C from 15¢ to \$3.50 and at only 50% over guide price or trade.

H. M. Zimmerman  
105 NW 9th Avenue  
Rockaway Beach OR  
97136-9521

**25 SALE**

Tickets from the Thames Valley Bus Co. in Norwich, CT. This company is no longer in business. I have (continued next column)

Transit tokens: [FL] 570-A 50¢; [IL] 95-D \$1; 760-K 50¢; [LA] 30-C \$1.50 (rough); [NY] 630-AD 70¢, BC \$2.25, BD \$4.50; 785-A, B 70¢ ea. [PA] 10-Eb 75¢; 15-K \$3.50; 750--Bd \$1.75; [WY] 180-A 60¢. Please Add postage.

Arnold Cirian  
2305 So 35th Ave.  
Omaha NE 68105-3133

(1) 24 school ride tickets in book form and/or transfers: T.C.M.T. \$1.75 each plus SASE. (2) Fare Box - good shape \$475.00 plus mailing costs. (3) 1921 French token - Best offer. E-mail: schoolbusben@cs.com  
"School Bus" Ben  
216 Hampton Road  
Benton Harbor MI  
49022-5924

(Ads continued on next page)

30 TRADE	30 TRADE	40 WANTED
Will trade the following TT's for TT's that I need: [CA] 105-A; 745-Y; 760-J; [MI] 370-B; [NY] 780-B; [OH] 10-M, N; 440-B; 520-A; [OK] 640-A; [PA] 725-D, H; [VA] 720-B, C. John C. Dunlap 59 Duquesne Street Columbiana OH 44408-1527	One TT! Send me up to 30 different TT's and I will send you up to 60 TT's of my choice! Send \$3.00 for postage with your order. E-mail: schoolbusben@cs.com "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924	[NY] 629-F, H, I, L; 630-T, U, W, Y, Z, AA, AE, AG, AJ, BF. Stan Varhon 805 Oak Ridge Drive Birmingham AL 35214-2803
I'll trade my [CA] 575-Ab horsecar, plus my Time-table token G. New York and Albany Peoples Line of steamboats (a Civil War token) for your [ME] 480-B streetcar. (207) 369-0207. John A. Hanawalt P. O. Box 68 Hanover ME 04237-	I would like to trade up to 25 common transit tokens for your 25. Thank you. Arnold Cirian 2305 So. 35th Ave. Omaha NE 68105-3133	Still want Oklahoma transportation tokens. Name your price. Send me an e-mail at smcome@ix.netcom.com or by snail mail. Shane Cornell P. O. Box 277 Jenks OK 74037-0277
Hey! You new members! A chance to increase your inventory! Cheap! Two for (Cont. next column)	40 WANTED Will pay 4X book value for [MI] 75-C. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924	Parking token [FL] 3130-A. Car Wash tokens [AZ] 440-R; [GA] 70-A; [MN] 540-M; [TX] 443-A; [CO] 850-B. bimetal308@yahoo.com Michael Ayrpetov 3663 Pawtucket Ave. Apartment 308 Riverside RI 02915-4332

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Age 31; Artist. Collects U.S. (Karl Gabsch)

REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP

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3139 Bill Nash - 1160 Via Ixtapa - Corona, CA 92882

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

3161 Erin M. Curtis - c/o Gary & Becky Grossman - 8916 Blomberg St. SW - Olympia, WA 98102

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THE "COMMUNITIES IN MOTION" SEPTA TOKEN  
By Bill Sowell

My friend in New Mexico sent me one of the 39mm aluminum tokens you reported in paragraph 4 on page 34 of the April issue of The Fare Box. I spent about two hours on line when I received it, to learn that (1) "Communities in Motion" is or was an APTA (American Public Transit Association) promotion of public transit that was kicked off on October 16, 2003. At the same time I learned that SEPTA was in the process of rebuilding two of their old streetcars from the bottom up and refurbishing the original Route 15 trolley line. It was originally planned to open sometime in August, 2003, but had hit major snags in both the line reconstruction and trolley rebuilding. The opening date had been put off until an unknown future date. I have not checked on it lately. The token is, of course, only a promotional item and not a transportation token. I have it in my collection as a peripheral item.



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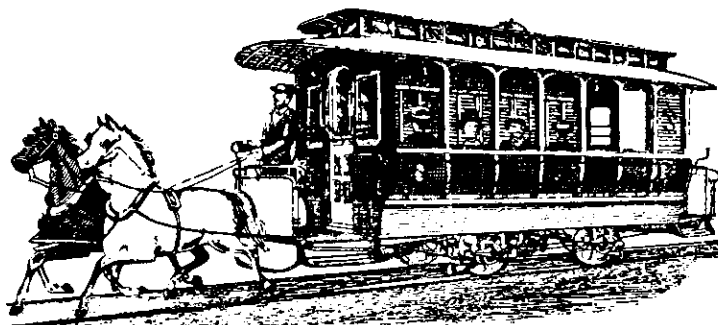
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The annual convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held August 12-15 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Charlotte, NC. Registration should be sent directly to Convention Chairman Joel Reznick at P.O. Box 116 - Wheeling, IL 60090, and it comes to \$75. Make your own reservation directly with the hotel at 704-372-7550. Room is \$75 single or double for AVA members only. Joel informs me he has quite a good number of advance registrations, more than several conventions in the past. I hope to see you there.

I left Boston July 2, driving solo in my Lincoln, and followed the same route I took last year to California. First night was Malone, NY. Second night was North Bay, Ontario. No delays at all crossing into Canada or returning. But the weather was getting colder and colder and very wet. I pulled into Ishpeming, MI, for my third night's stay in a driving rainstorm at 6:30 pm, with the temperature in the low 40's. This in July! Next night was Wadena, MN, with cold and rain nearly the whole way. On, then, across North Dakota on I-94, and the rain finally stopped about at Bismarck, and it finally warmed up to 70 or so. Stopped for the night at Glendive, MT. Next day scattered thunderstorms and very cool weather as I-94 became I-90, and stopped for the night at Whitehall, MT. Then southward in wonderful cool sunny weather thru Idaho Falls to Twin Falls, ID. Next day was into Nevada, staying at the only hostelry in the AAA book for Lovelock, the Ramada Inn. It was the least expensive and the best motel for the entire trip. I arrived at Hal Ford's place in Moraga at noon on Saturday, July 10. Except for the cold and the rain it was an ideal trip, although I did not look for any tokens, as I was alone and cold for too many miles.

On Monday July 12 Hal Ford and I took BART over to San Francisco and visited Pier 39, as we had seen an unlisted, but listable, carousel token for Pier 39 on ebay. We found the tokens available from dispensers at \$2 each, and obtained a supply for the N.I.S. On the way we rode some of the antique streetcars that San Francisco operates along Market Street and thence to Fishermen's Wharf. Fare is \$1.25. At Ghirardelli Square we had some of the country's best ice cream, as I do every summer. And today, July 18, Hal and I drove down and rode the Niles Canyon Railway, as I try to do every summer, as well.

While here we obtained several unlisted tokens by calling and writing, some of which are listed in this month's supplement. Also lost out on a nice old merry-go-round token, Unidentified #277, on ebay to Dick Grinolds, who got it for \$178.05. As the seller is in Canada, possibly the token comes from up there.



They are using a kind of generic ride token on a carousel in Savannah, GA, at the Savannah Mall. The token is 29mm aluminum anodized red; RIDE/TOKEN // NO/CASH/VALUE. If a local collector could get us some of these, we'd be very appreciative.

Dennis Poland, a new member who lives in Knoxville, TN, found an unlisted token that appears to be from the Bahamas: 25mm white metal: PARADISE ISLAND/INTERHOTEL BUS TRANSFER/50¢/NON-REFUNDABLE // PARADISE ISLAND/INTERHOTEL BUS TRANSFER/GOOD/FOR 1 TRANSFER/NON-REFUNDABLE. I believe if we can connect with someone on Paradise Island, we could obtain supplies for those collectors who save foreign TTs.

Louis Lockwood (10420 Sugardale St. - Harrison, OH 45030-1734) says he can handle up to 30 members in the Car Wash Token New Issues Service, which he is taking over as manager. Write him, or email him at [elmwoodrr@fuse.net](mailto:elmwoodrr@fuse.net)

Randy Glucksman sends some price corrections (based on current fares) for some Virginia tokens: VA 885 A 2.50; 985 B \$1; C 50¢; D 50¢; E \$5.50; F \$2.50; G \$1; H 50¢. These were in the February 2003 Fare Box, but were omitted from the last supplement booklet. He adds a correction, that on TX 340 V, the correct spelling of the name on the token is BARTOSIEWICZ.

Speaking of corrections, Bill Boncek sends several for the last Supplement booklet to the Atwood Coffee Catalogue: MN 500 B is blue; NY 160 C has (white printing); NY 735 F thru M have (black printing); SC 155 A has a ¢ after 25 on obverse; and BC 850 I shows a (rabbit) and not a kangaroo. These were in The Fare Box, but weren't picked up for the supplement booklet.

Bill Garrison writes that ID380IC-J are all still in use with a fare value of \$3.00 each, so catalogue values should be altered to reflect these new fares.

A few years back the late Louis Crawford was roaming the internet and found a site for "Alaska Backcountry Adventures" in Valdez. They offer plane rides up over the mountains: "Everyone has to fork over a token to the pilot every time they get on the plane. Some of the runs end right on the highway where an ABA bus makes regular runs to pick up skiers. Other runs can leave you miles out in the mountains, and require two tokens if you want to be flown out after your run." This is intriguing. \$35 airplane tokens used in Alaska. If any member can learn what these say on them, please let us know...although at \$35 per, I don't think our N.I.S. would be handling them.

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#### A LETTER FROM BILL WEBER

Dear Fellow AVA Member: Thank you for your candid reply to my computer survey program in the last several Fare Box issues. I would like to take this time to review the benefits all our members will receive from this program, those with and without ownership of a computer.

1. Webpage on the internet.

- A. Attract new members. With additional members and interest more tokens will be bought, sold and traded. And making all our collections more valuable as this process becomes more demanding.
- B. Catalogues, USA and World Tokens, can be updated monthly without the need for annual supplements...in the near future.
- C. Non-computer owners can get access thru all USA libraries, as well as family or friends. And have any and all information printed out right on the spot. And for less expense than from printers and postage, including The Fare Box issues. Imagine this being as close to you as your local library or home.

2. Catalogues for transit tokens, car wash, and parking tokens from the entire world, including USA, can be available to members & non-members for nominal fees, and be updated monthly without the need for supplements.

NOTE: Non-members will only have access to what they pay for and subscribe to.

3. Our personal collections and sale, trade, inventory, can be kept current and available to anyone of our choosing, including family or insurance company.

## JULY SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

By Harold V. Ford

ALASKA

Ketchikan 450 (Reported by John Coffee)  
 KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH/THE BUS/(BUS with THE BUS on destination sign)  
 R A 25 Sd Ketchikan Gateway Borough/The Bus/Good/For/One/Fare/rwm  
 (anodized blue) \$1.50

CALIFORNIA

Beaumont 72 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
 CITY/OF/BEAUMONT/CALIFORNIA/1912 75th ANNIVERSARY 1987  
 A o Bz 32 Sd Good For One Ride/Transit/rwm/(van)(reeded edge) 1.00

Monterey Park 526 (Reported by Ed Vogel & Wally Shidler)  
 MONTEREY PARK/SPIRIT/TRANSIT SYSTEM

A o Pr 41 Sd	(blank)(black printing except 2 stars and "spirit" are silver)	***
B o Po 41 Sd	" "	***
C o Pb 41 Sd	" "	***
D o Pg 41 Sd	" "	***
E o Py 41 Sd	" "	***
F o Z 25 Sd	Token/hm (WM-plated)	***
G o Z 25 Sd	" (K-plated)	***

San Francisco 760 (Reported by Bob Phipps)  
 SAN FRANCISCO/CALIFORNIA/PIER 39/rwm  
 W B 29 Sd Admit One/Venetian Carousel/(carousel horse under canopy)(\* 2000) 2.00

IDAHO

Idaho Falls 380 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
 GOOD FOR/ONE BUS FARE/PTA BUS/529-1489)  
 K Py 43 Sd (same as obverse)(black printing on obverse) .60

IOWA

Bettendorf 77 (Reported by Karl E. Gabsch)  
 BETTENDORF/TRANSIT/SYSTEM

E o Pi 29 Sd	½/Fare (gold printing)	1.00
F Py 29 Sd	" (black printing)	.30

MICHIGAN

St. Ignace 860 (Reported by Charles Heilman)  
 MACKINAC BRIDGE/AUTHORITY/2004/(BRIDGE)  
 D Bz 29 Sd 1954 (construction scene) 2.50

MINNESOTA

Pipestone 660 (Reported by Karl E. Gabsch)  
 PIPESTONE/TRANSIT SYSTEM/825-6708/825-3113/1-888-735-2537

F Pb 41 Sd	Pipestone/County/PC (in county seal)(white printing)	1.25
G Pr 41 Sd	PIPESTONE COUNTY/TRANSIT SYSTEM/800#/1-888-735-2537/OFFICE/825-6708	1.25
	Pipestone/County/PC (in county seal)(black printing)	

NEVADA

Las Vegas	500	(Reported by Philip Byrnes & Robert Kelley)	
		BELZ/FACTORY/OUTLET/WORLD (incuse)/LAS VEGAS/NEVADA	
K o B	23 Sd	Good For/One/Carousel/Ride (* 2002)	\$1.00
		LAS VEGAS/OUTLET/CENTER/NEVADA	
L B	23 Sd	Good For/One/Carousel/Ride	1.00

TEXAS

Houston	445	(Reported by John Byars)	
		HOUSTON/ZOO/TOKEN/hm/(LOGO)	
T B	25 Sd	Wildlife Carousel/(carousel elephant)(WM-plated)	2.00
U B	25 Sd	" (carousel giraffe) "	2.00
V B	25 Sd	" (carousel gorilla) "	2.00
W B	25 Sd	" (carousel lion) "	2.00
X B	25 Sd	" (carousel rhino) "	2.00
San Antonio	810	(Reported by John Byars)	
		KELLY A.F.B./BUS/4	
BAo Pb	31 Sd	(same as obverse)	50.00
Temple	900	(Reported by Robert Kelley & John Byars)	
		THE HOP tm/CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL/PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM	
C A	25 Sd	Fare Token/50¢/Value (plain edge)(anodized gold)	.50
D A	25 Sd	" (reeded edge)(anodized blue)	.50

UNIDENTIFIED (ebay auction)

		NEW BRIDGE/GOOD FOR/ONE/TRIP/A. PATRIDGE.	
284 Sv	31 Sd	(blank)(obverse inscription is counterstamped over an 1877 U.S. 50¢ coin)	

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

IA 77 B: add varieties: vertical inscription: a. 13mm b. 11mm

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NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

See page 54 of last month's Fare Box for details about the new Ketchikan token. It is not likely the New Issues Service will be able to distribute this one.

The Beaumont, CA, token has been obsolete for about 6 years. Bill Sowell has contacted the Authority about obtaining a supply for the N.I.S. The fare at the time the token was in use was 75¢.

See page 3 of the January 2004 Fare Box for an article about the Monterey Park, CA, tokens. Wally Shidler had a difficult time getting even one set of them, so it is very unlikely the N.I.S. will be able to handle these any time soon.

Several members spotted the San Francisco carousel token on ebay. Bob Phipps was the high bidder at \$8.22 for the ebay token. John Coffee and I visited Pier 39 this past week, in the Fisherman's Wharf area of San Francisco, and found the tokens were available from machines at \$2 each. You inserted two \$1 bills and got a token, or one \$10 bill and got 5 tokens. The carousel itself is interesting in that it is a double-decker. We obtained a supply for the New Issues Service.

The N.I.S. will handle the new ID 380 K, but we lack background information at this time.

Bettendorf, IA, issued the brown plastic half fare token (77 E), but as it was exactly like the full fare token (77 B), it caused confusion, so they ordered another half fare token in yellow (77 F). We are hoping the N.I.S. will be able to obtain a supply.

As mentioned on the front page of last month's Fare Box, Charles Heilman has come through for our New Issues Service again, and provided a supply of the new 2004 Mackinac Bridge token for us. A very attractive token, as they all are.

We don't know why they have different colored tokens for the Pipestone Transit. Karl Gabsch and I both obtained the two tokens from the Authority, and the N.I.S. has been given the information to obtain a supply for its members.

The NV 500 K token was mentioned on page 34 of the April 2003 Fare Box. The token has been replaced by the 500 L token. The operation that used NV 500 J has moved its carousel east, either to Michigan or Wisconsin, we have been told. It is to be hoped that one of our local members will be able to obtain supplies of the two new listings for our New Issues Service.

John Byars found that the Houston Zoo carousel was using tokens, and he discovered five different animals pictured on tokens. As they have 64 animals on the carousel, we wonder if we may expect more tokens in the future. John is seeing about obtaining supplies of all five for the N.I.S. Fare for the carousel is \$2, regardless of age.

John Byars has come up with yet another variety of the Kelly Air Force Bus tokens. A few years ago we ran a long article on this bus, explaining how and why they issued them. They date from the 1950's and are all quite rare.

When we listed TX 900 B last July, we didn't realize the token came with both a reeded edge and a plain edge. This often happens. So this month we list the plain edge version. We also list a new blue version of the token. Does a plain edge version of the blue one also exist? N.I.S. will not be able to handle these.

The Unidentified #284 was on ebay with a starting bid of \$499, which we don't think anyone met. We list it because we had already listed Unid. 67, overstruck on an 1877 25¢ coin. This one is struck on a 50¢ coin. It seems highly unlikely that a bridge token back then would be struck on coins of such value. Very likely there are brass tokens bearing the same inscription, and quite possible the inscription on silver coins was done for souvenir purposes, or maybe as gifts? Nice tokens, but probably more in the "Presentation Piece" category. But where was the New Bridge, anyway?

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Bob Phipps picked up several tokens and asked about them. One is an 1892 Indian cent overstruck with what appears to be "MY.TURN" or "I.TURN" We have no idea what it is. Any ideas?

Another is a 29mm brass with a pierced hole inscribed COLLEGE BUS/80 on obverse with blank reverse. Looks very old. Could be anything, but likely a tool check or marker of some kind.

A token that shows up frequently on ebay is IN 290 D with a hand-engraved inscription on reverse reading "INDIANA/25¢ FARE" or "INDIANA/25¢ TRADE". We have no idea who did the engraving or why it was done. As it is individually done, someone did a lot of work creating these. Can anyone help us out?

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#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

3175 RICHARD WOHLGEMUTH - 1905 Brentmoor Lane - Louisville, KY 40223

Age 54; Sales. Collects U.S. (Bianco)

3176 DENNIS E. POLAND - 3318 Dewine Road - Knoxville, TN 37921-4210 (865-558-8536)

Age 48; Engineer. Collects U.S., Parking, Carwash (Weber)

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SUPPLEMENT #30 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA  
By H.V. Ford 2nd Edition

FLORIDA

Tampa 910

MURPHY'S CARWASHES TAMPA CLEARWATER PALM HARBOR  
F B 23 Sd Carwash Token c (antique car) (reeded edge) (ACb) .50

ILLINOIS

Wheeling 925

HOFFMAN SERVICES "THE CARWASH PEOPLE" 800-525-8095  
A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hm (antique car) .50

IOWA

Charles City 180

U-SAVE CAR WASH on (BATH TUB) with (CARTOON AUTO) inside  
CAR TRUCK \*BEST QUALITY EQUIPMENT \*BEST CLEANING PRODUCTS  
.....ALL WORKING FOR YOU! 609 S.MAIN CHARLES CITY, IOWA  
A o B 29 Sd (blank) (black lettering on obv.) 20.00

NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo 260

WHALE OF A WASH FARGO-MOORHEAD hh (WHALE)  
E Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh .50  
F Bz 25 Sd hm (cartoon auto facing left) (stars) .50

OHIO

Geneva 350

PYRAMID CAR WASH 440 S. BROADWAY GENEVA, OHIO hm (PYRAMID)  
A Bz 27 Sd Car Wash Token PCW (incuse) on (pyramid) 3.00

TEXAS

Laredo 530

JIFFY LUBE r OPEN 24 HOURS 1307 E DEL BLVD hm  
A Bz 25 Sd Automatic Car Wash Token hm (antique car) 7.00

WASHINGTON

Totem Lake 902

WOODY'S CAR WASH (side of a FORD "woody")  
A S 27 Sd One Dollar in Trade No Cash Value.No Refunds \$1<sup>00</sup>  
Woody's Car Wash (15mm brass center) 1.00  
WOODY'S CAR WASH (left rear view of a FORD "woody")  
B S 27 Sd One Dollar in Trade No Cash Value.No Refunds \$1<sup>00</sup>  
Woody's Car Wash (15mm brass center) 1.00

WISCONSIN

Baraboo 50 (ex Unid 155)

VIKING EXPRESS CARWASH OPEN 24 HOURS B/P (INSIDE LOGO)  
F o B 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value VB (crown) 6.00

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CHICAGO MOTOR STATION SERVICE QUALITY & PRICE EXPERT CAR  
WASHING LAKE GENEVA, WIS.  
A o A 38 Sd Good For 10¢ on Each \$1.00 Purchase 20.00

UNIDENTIFIED (#19 is corrected relisting; others all new)  
 DIVIDEND CHECK OILS & GREASES THE INDIAN OIL PRODUCTS CO.  
 (INCUSE NUMERAL)(RUNNING INDIAN CARRYING ARROW INSCRIBED "A E ROLENE")  
 19 A 38 Sd Good at any Indian Station ½ Off on Oils, Greases, Alemiting  
 Car Washing and Alcohol The Indian Oil Products Co.  
 AUTO CLEAN CAR WASH  
 588 Bz 25 Sd Good For One Self Service Cycle No Cash Value One 1 hm  
 CARWASH LAVACOCHEs c (SMILING AUTO)  
 589 WM 23 Sd Wash Token-Lavado No Cash Value 25 Sin Valor (reeded edge)  
 DIAMOND MINI MART AUTOMATIC CAR WASH 1 CYCLE FREE  
 590 B 29 Sd Carwash Token c (antique car) (ACb)  
 EVERGLADES CARWASH (CARTOON ALLIGATOR WITH FOAMING BRUSH)  
 591 Bz 23 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car)(reeded edge)  
 592 Bz 23 Sd Carwash Token c(antique car)(plain edge)  
 HANDS OFF CARWASH TOKEN  
 593 Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value rwm (maybe Caldwell, ID)  
 OAK RIDGE CARWASH c (SMILING AUTO)  
 594 Bz 25 Sd Car Wash Token No Cash Value \$1<sup>00</sup> (reeded edge)  
 RANGES WASHES rwm (TREES & MOUNTAINS)  
 595 Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (convertible car)  
 SPOTLESS CARWASH (SHINY SPORTS CAR)  
 596 WM 25 Sd United States of America Liberty VB (eagle above emblem)(Reeded edge)  
 SUPER.SPLASH CARWASH  
 597 WM 25 Sd No Cash Value No Cash Value Automatic Carwash Token (reeded edge)  
 WATER WHIRLED FLORIDA (CARTOON AUTO) tm  
 598 B 25 Sd Carwash Token No Cash Value.No Refunds \$1 (16mm aluminum center)  
 (reeded edge)  
 24 HOUR SUPER WASH (STARS)  
 599 B 23 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh

CARWASH CHAIN STOCK TOKENS

Group 111

ESSO (inside oval) CAR WASH  
 I B 25 Sd (blank)(obverse inscription is incuse)

TOKEN MANUFACTURERS STOCK TOKENS

Group 30

CARWASH TOKEN hh (ANTIQUe CAR)  
 AC Bz 29 Sd No Cash Value hh

Group 240

AUTOMATIC CAR WASH TOKEN hh (ANTIQUe CAR)  
 E Bz 25 Sd 25 hm

Group 250

CARWASH TOKEN NO CASH VALUE \$1<sup>00</sup>  
 B B 25 Sd Ficha de Lavacoches Sin Valor \$1<sup>00</sup> (16mm WM center)(reeded edge)

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

CA 645 A: delete period after BLVD on obverse  
 IL 700 A: on obverse add period after ILL  
 PA 765 A: obverse should read GULF (IN LOGO) PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA  
 Unidentified 170: to reverse add rwm  
 Unidentified 374 should be deleted; it is already listed as 577.  
 Unidentified 444 should be deleted; it is already listed as 308.  
 Unidentified 568 should be (DOTS) instead of (STARS) on obverse  
 TMS Group 50 A: correct metal to bronze (Bz)

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## 01 AUCTION

I have one each of the scarce NJ ROLLO ZONE tokens for auction. They are [NJ] 997-J (red), K (blue), L (yellow), M (silver). All tokens show bright color with little wear. If you wish to bid just send it to me.

Mort Dawson  
100 Oakwood Avenue  
Apartment B-3  
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06119-2149

My big August tokens and medals mail-bid sale includes hundreds of better parking and car wash tokens. Over 600 lots of municipal trade coins, and much more. Request your copy now.

Stephen Alpert  
P O Box 66331  
Los Angeles CA  
90066-0331

## 04 CAR WASH

Best offer over catalogue plus postage: [CA] 375-Aa, Ab; 407-A; 528-A, B; 690-Aa; 795-A; 845-B; 965-A, B; [CO] 140-A; [LA] 770-A; [MN] 118-A; 148-A; 510-A; 640-A; 680-A; 725-A; [MO] (continued next column)

## 04 CAR WASH

10-A; [NY] 320-A; 530-A; 663-A; [OH] 185-A; 208-A; 800-A; [PA] 863-A; [TX] 925-B; [VT] 520-A; [WI] 280-A.

Al Kohlhardt  
P O Box 2649  
Sunnyvale CA  
94087-0649

## 25 SALE

Fifty (50) different TT's at \$9.00 postpaid.

Gilbert Ed Vogel  
3314 Maple 2  
Longview WA 98632-3352

100 mixed transportation tokens \$15.00 postpaid.

James Vander Helm  
18618 Birch Avenue  
Akron IA 51001-8827

## 30 TRADE

Will trade for TT's that I need: [CO] 340-A; [IN] 960-A; [KS] 40-D; [NE] 700-AB; [NY] 105-B; [OH] 10-A thru D; 440-E; [OK] 640-A; [WY] 100-D.

John C. Dunlap  
59 Duquesne Street  
Columbiana OH  
44408-1527

## 30 TRADE

[CA] 998-Q; [PA] 750-Z; AY (in silver); [WY] 100-A; PP AE; Los Angeles 23rd Olympics 1984 set of 24 TT's in original case; [CA] 450-Y to AV. Want TT offers.

John Ciecka  
1540 Society Hill Dr.  
Bensalem PA  
19020-3689

## 40 WANTED

Paying full catalogue for all Sioucity, IA transportation tokens. Write with offer.

James Vander Helm  
18618 Birch Ave.  
Skron IA 51001-8827

Old US transportation tickets. Mostly pre-1935. Will pay good prices. Also I have many trickets to offer if you prefer a trade.

Dan Benice  
P O Box 5708  
Cary NC 27512-5708

= SEE PAGE 67 FOR NEW MEMBERS =

The Editor will be leaving Moraga, CA, to return to Boston on July 27, so use the Boston address for mail from now on. Meanwhile, I hope to see you in Charlotte.



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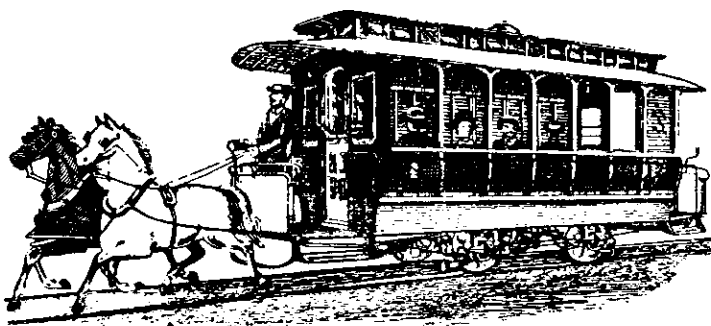
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HENRY C. REIDLING

Hank Reidling, AVA #822, of Dallas, joined us in 1966 when he was only 27 years old. A retired police officer when he died on July 1, Hank was an old-fashioned vecturist who searched the state for tokens. The story of his discovery of a big hoard of rare depotels is told on page 740 of Volume II of our catalogue. A good friend and a delightful guy, he called me often and wrote me often. Toward the end he sold off many of his rarities, and as Mary, his wife of 45 years wrote, "the sale of tokens took us to Europe in 1979 and to England in 1999." We, all of us, shall miss him so much.

September 4. The Charlotte Convention has come and gone, and from all reports I have received, it was a great one. I regret very much that, after all, I was unable to attend because I threw my back out on my trip back to Boston from California. It was the first convention I've missed since 1992. Reports on it are inside this issue, including Prices Realized of the AVA Convention Auction, some of which are astounding.

I left Moraga, CA, on July 27, intending to return to Boston and then drive down to Charlotte. But the second night out, as I was entering the motel in Idaho Falls, my back suddenly became very painful, and it is still very uncomfortable over a month later. Anyway my first night out was in Battle Mountain, NV; then Idaho Falls, ID; then Columbus, MT. On the way from Idaho Falls to Columbus, I stopped in Dillon, MT, which is somewhat off the beaten track, because Hal Ford told me of a car wash token that no one had been able to obtain. Every street in Dillon was under construction and driving around there was dreadful, and no one seemed to know where the facility was. Finally I saw what might be it, and walking over mounds of dirt between tractors and road graders, I found the change machine which spat out 4 tokens for a dollar bill. I had only two bills, so got 8 of them. My only token hunting on the trip. After Columbus, I stayed at Bismarck, ND. Then Brainerd, MN, and now I was on traffic-laden two-lane highways for most of the rest of the trip. After Brainerd a long drive to Munising in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Things are few and kind of primitive up there, but I love the area. Next night was North Bay, Ontario, and the last night was the Super 8 at Malone, NY. From there it's an easy 315 miles to Boston over scenic, but crowded, interstate highways.

At the Charlotte Convention, John Hoffman had a group of 24 tokens in 2x2's which mysteriously disappeared. If someone inadvertently picked them up, please return them to John, and of course he will understand how easy it is to do that. His address is in the roster.



# AUCTION OF UNCOMMON WESTERN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS (RESERVE 3X CATALOGUE)

AK 300 C	CA 100 A	CA 975 A	OR 40 A
300 D	100 B	GUAM 25 A	700 A
300 F	100 C	HI 210 C	700 B
450 B	205 C	540 B	WY 100 A
450 D	395 A	ID 380 B	100 F
450 F	625 A	440 C	100 H
450 L	625 C	440 E	100 J
500 B	630 A	NM 40 B	100 L
AZ 640 A	775 C	900 A	120 B
680 A	775 D	OR 20 B	750 A
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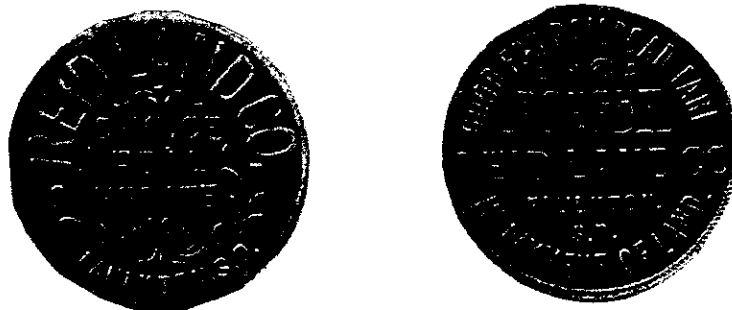
## PRICES REALIZED AT ED MILLER'S AUGUST 1 AUCTION (PAGE 59, JUNE FARE BOX)

IA 390 B \$27, 590 A \$136, 590 B \$157; KS 880 A \$115.50; KY 480 A \$162.58; ME 480 A \$70, 480 B \$132; MN 230 C \$117; PA 750 A \$148.50; TN 375 A \$65.50, 375 B \$32.50; WI 360 B \$162.58, 360 C \$284.79.

On the occasion of the Inaugural Ride of the Charlotte (NC) Trolley of June 25, 2004, fifty laminated yellow fibre passes were made, forty of which were handed out to local dignitaries. These individuals showed the pass when they boarded for the First Ride, and then kept the pass. It is round and very large, 106mm, inscribed on both sides: "Charlotte Trolley Service Kick-Off / (trolley) / Inaugural Ride June 25, 2004 / CATS". Fred Sader was able to obtain two of them, one of which he sent to Bill Sowell, who sent a photo along.

At the American Numismatic Association convention in Pittsburgh, just ended, someone handed out examples of an encased transportation token: PA 765 AG, which is now obsolete. The 45mm encased token is inscribed, around the 765 AG: "ANA World's Fair of Money / 2004 / Pittsburgh, PA" on obverse, and "www.northernmint.com 800-236-3117 / northern mint" on reverse. We learned of this item on ebay, where the seller said 200 were made, and this one sold for \$5.50. Nice souvenir.

Those "railroad fare" land company tokens of the Upper Midwest are all interesting and unusual items. They are not transportation tokens, but advertising gimmicks and we list a number of them under the Miscellaneous 1000 rubric in our catalogue. One we haven't listed was pictured in a September 2000 article in THE NUMISMATIST, by AVA member David Schenkman. Here's the photo of the 38mm aluminum:



Finally, Joe Studebaker's wife, June, has had some serious surgery of late, and Joe has been devoting all his time caring for her. This is why you may not have heard from him lately. Be confident he will be back and active as soon as June has recuperated.

**Minutes of Business Meeting**  
**American Vecturist Association Annual Convention**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**August 15, 2004**  
Taken by: Karl E. Gabsch

The 54th Annual Business meeting of the American Vecturist Association was called to order by President William Sowell at 9:10 AM on August 15, 2004 in the Empire Room of the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina.

President Sowell recognized the following members on the occasion of attending their first convention: Andy Abadia, Don Bailey, Joel Halpin, Gary Hunnings, Fred Ryan, Fred Sader, Bob Schneider, and Jack Wingerter. Special recognition was given to Martha Gabsch caregiver & daughter of member Karl W. Gabsch. Whose attendance made possible the attendance of Karl W. Gabsch.

The other attendees to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Business meeting were: Benadean and Walt Fairfield, Louis Lockwood, Bill Weber, David Cox, Harold Zimmerman, Henry Nesbit, Richard Bestard, Charles Axthelm, Robert Schottin, Joel Reznick, William Sowell, Karl E. & Karl W. Gabsch, Larry Kemper, Phil Lavorgna, Ed Bawden, Keith Haney, John Hoffmann, Robert Mills, George Gentle, Robert Rieder, Bob Kelley and Bill Coleman.

President Sowell then gave a brief eulogy of the five members who have passed away since our last convention. Louis Crawford Jr. a member since 1958 who had joined the AVA at the age of 10. N.B. Smith who joined our organization in 1984. Richard Beimer a member since 1956. Henry (Hank) Reidling, a retired police officer with member number 882. Jim Medd of Tennessee with member number 802.

President Sowell asked that the 2003 Business Meeting minutes as published in the **FARE BOX** be accepted as written. John Hoffmann motions to accept and Keith Haney moves to second the motion. Membership approves.

Treasurer Reznick introduces a motion that the previous business meeting minutes should be read aloud each year rather than simply approving them as written. A motion is made by Phil Laverne and second by Louis Crawford to accept this. Membership approves. Bob Schneider moves that copies of the previous year's minutes be distributed at each meeting for review. Going forward the responsibility of making copies of the minutes available and read at each convention will fall under the duties of the Secretary.

Louis Lockwood is recognized by President Sowell and he opens a discussion on the publishing of car wash token value changes in the **FARE BOX**. Karl E. Gabsch motions that car wash token values be published in the **FARE BOX**. This motion is seconded by Joel Reznick and the membership approves the motion to publish car wash price changes in the **FARE BOX**.

President Sowell calls upon Secretary Gabsch to give the secretary's membership report for 2003.

**AVA Membership Running Total**

Year	Deceased	New	Re-Instated	Resigned	Did Not Renew	Converted to Life	Total	Regular	Life
2000							650		
2001	(5)	44	5	(2)	(41)	1	651		
2002	(10)	48	4	(5)	(41)	3	647	571	76
2003	(5)	22	6	0	(42)	0	628	552	76

## 2003 Sponsors

Name	New Members
Bob Schneider	6
Bill Weber	4
Jack Wingerter	3
Karl E. Gabsch	3
Joel Reznick	2
Roger Bolz	1
John Coffee	1
Hal Ford	1
John Hoffmann	1
Louis Lockwood	1
Jerry Schaeper	1
Ron Shearer	1
Marvin Simon	1
William Sowell	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

On the evening of the Annual Banquet President Sowell presented Bob Schneider with a Certificate of Appreciation for sponsoring the greatest number of new members to the American Vecturist Association during 2003. Bob Schneider will receive the silver presentation medal via the mail since John Coffee was unable to attend the convention this year due to a strained back muscle.

President Sowell called for the Treasurers Report from Joel Reznick. Treasurer Reznick reported that general expense fund history for fiscal 2004 was:

Beginning balance from 2003	\$8,000.00
Plus 2003 Dues Collected	\$11,000.00
Minus Expenses	(\$10,000.00)
Balance on Hand at the end of the fiscal year	\$9,000.00.

The Life Membership fund balance is \$6,970.00. This amount includes interest earned during the fiscal year of \$670.00. There were no new life members admitted to the organization this year.

Additionally Treasurer Reznick reported that the **FARE BOX** fund was self-sustaining. ED Bawden made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read this motion was second by Joel Reznick and the membership approved the motion.

President Sowell called for the Curator Report from Keith Haney. He report that during the year fifteen members had received there 10 year membership award token.

## Old Business:

President Sowell reported on the status of the Car Wash Token Catalogue and World Transportation Catalogue supplements. Please see the minutes of the executive board meeting for details on this subject.

John Hoffman gave a brief outline of the token, coin and medal shows our display board attended during the last year and reminded the membership that if they would like to use the board at an event in their area to please contact him and arrange for delivery.

## New Business:

After the annual auction on Saturday Vice President Bill Weber gave a detailed presentation to the members in attendance of the auction. The presentation was center around the American Vecturist Association developing a website. Please refer to the executive board meeting minutes for the details discussed. Many members had comments on the subject too many to list, however it should be noted that the purpose of the web site is to have available another method of recruiting new members and offering existing information to the field of membership in an electronic format. It is not the intention for the web site to replace anything currently being done by the organization. If approved by the executive committee and presented to the field of membership for approve it should be noted that every service currently being

offered by the organization will continue as is. The purpose of the web site should be viewed as an enhancement to the organization that will be self sustaining and not draw upon the general expense fund. Vice President Weber has been tasked with working with a website developer/hosting firm to develop a program which will meet our needs without raising additional expenses to the organization. He will be communicating with the Executive Committee during the coming year regarding the project.

Currently the AVA has a presence on the Internet though the commercial websites maintained by Bob Schneider and Jack Wingerter. These members do not charge our organization any fees for this service. The AVA is a non-profit organization and with that in mind the question to ask might be, should we have an official presence on the World Wide Web and who should control the content of that presence?

President Sowell recognized Karl W. Gabsch who made a plea to the membership to assist him in obtaining Parking Tokens for distribution though the Parking Token New Issue Service. He also extended his thanks to Bill Sowell for obtaining several Parking Tokens for the service in the past. Should you wish to assist in this request PATNIS needs 25 copies of a token for distribution. Please contact Karl W. Gabsch, Manager of the Parking Token New Issue Service. At 9900 Gardiner Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902 Phone # (301) 585-5421.

President Sowell recognized Phil Laverne who announced that the Patrick Mint was an excellent source for consideration if a member is thinking about minting a personal token. Please contact Phil directly for more information about the mint.

President Sowell announced that the responsibilities of the Manager of the Car Wash Token New Issue Service have been transferred effective immediately from Roger Bolz to Louis Lockwood. Louis will publish in the *FARE BOX* a comprehensive announcement with enrolment instructions. Anyone interested in participating in this service should contact Louis Lockwood.

President Sowell recognized Phil Laverne who made a plea to the membership to consider Salt Lake City, Utah for a future convention site for the American Vecturist Association. Bill Weber made a motion to add Salt Lake City to the consideration list the motion was seconded by Phil and the membership approved.

President Sowell recognized Jack Wingerter who addressed the Website issue indicating that he will continue to host / maintain his website. He will continue to post our membership application and photos of the convention and he expressed interest in working with an officer of the AVA in expanding his website to meet the organizations needs if the organization wishes to proceed in this venue. He stated that he is willing to pay for any and all fees incurred with this endeavor.

President Sowell recognized Convention Chairman Reznick who announced that our 2005 annual convention will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. He then introduced William Cox who proceeded to hand out a four color glossy multi paged flier published by the Knoxville Tourist and Convention Bureau welcoming the American Vecturist Association to their fine city. William has devoted a great deal of time already into making our 2005 convention one of the Great Ones. Look out Knoxville here comes the AVA.

President Sowell appointed the following members to the audit committee Bob Schneider, David Cox and Fred Sader, who was appointed committee chairman.

The meeting was suspended while the audit committee reviewed the Treasurers report.

The meeting resumed at 10:10 AM. Chairman of the Audit Committee announced approval of the Treasurer's report.

John Hoffmann moved that the meeting be adjourned, the motion was seconded by Phil Lavorgna and the membership approved the motion at 10:15 AM.

**AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Taken by: Karl E. Gabsch

The 54TH Annual Executive meeting of the American Vecturist Association was called to order by President William Sowell at 2:35PM, in the Business Conference Center room of the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina on Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Attendees were: William Sowell, President & New Issues Manager  
Bill Weber, Vice President  
Karl E. Gabsch, Secretary  
Joel Reznick, Treasurer & Convention Chairman  
Keith Haney, Curator & Archivist  
John Hoffmann, Past President

**Old Business:**

President Sowell requested a status report on the progress of the *CAR WASH TOKENS of NORTH AMERICA* supplement. Secretary Gabsch responded that the supplement was completed with the help of Keith Haney and Louis Lockwood. The supplement was published in April 2004 and is a copulation of all new listings, price changes, corrections and attributions of Unidentified pieces as published in the *FARE BOX* from August 2001 through and including December 2003. Twenty-seven supplements in all. This soft cover, eight and one half by eleven-inch supplement was published by The Car Wash Token Cataloguing Committee of the American Vecturist Association in Boston, Massachusetts and is available for sale at \$5.00 per copy (which includes postage). Please contact either John Coffee or Karl E. Gabsch to purchase a copy.

President Sowell requested a status report on the progress of the *World Transportation Token Catalogue* supplement. Vice President Weber responded that the supplement was completed with the help of Ed Axthelm and Bill Coleman. The supplement was published in July 2004 and is a copulation of all new listings, price changes, corrections and attributions of Unidentified pieces as published in the *FARE BOX* from 1980 through December 2003. Twenty -Three Years. This soft cover, eight and one half by eleven-inch supplement has been published by Bill Weber and is available for sale at \$10.00 per copy (which includes postage). Please contact Bill Weber to purchase a copy. It should be noted that the token values used in this supplement were based upon the Smith Catalogue Volume # 1 indices and may not reflect the current values as established in the European Market.

President Sowell opened a discussion regarding how Roger Bolz the manager of the Car Wash Token New Issue Service was complying with the guidelines, duties and responsibilities established for this position during the 2003 Executive Board Meeting. After a lengthy discussion and unanimous vote by all board members it has been decided that Lou Lockwood will replace Roger Bolz as the Manager of the Car Wash Token New Issue Service effective immediately. A motion was made by President Sowell and seconded by Vice President Weber and unanimously approved by the board that Roger Bolz is to deliver all inventory, membership and financial records, to Treasurer Reznick at the NTCA show being held in Omaha, Nebraska on September 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5, 2004 Failure to release all records, finances and inventory pertaining to this position will result in Roger Bolz being expelled as a member of the American Vecturist Association. President Sowell will draft a notice to Roger Bolz alerting him of his release and final directive.

Treasurer Reznick reported that he was still working on the design of the 25 / 50 year membership/service medals and that before our 2005 convention he will have developed patterns for review and approval by the executive committee.

President Sowell asked for a status report on the publishing schedule of a current copy for Volume # 1 of the Fifth Edition of **THE ATWOOD – COFFEE CATALOGUE of UNITED STATES and CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS**. Treasurer Reznick responded by stating that this volume will not be published until the edition published in 1996 is sold out, possibly in 2006.

### **New Business:**

Secretary Gabsch gave the new membership report for calendar year 2003. Please see the summary of this report in the Minutes of the General Business meeting printed elsewhere in this copy of the **FARE BOX**. At this point in the meeting a conference call was placed to John Coffee who is recuperating from a strained back muscle at his home in Boston, Massachusetts. The purpose of the call was to confirm that a Certificate of Achievement and a unique Silver Presentation Medal is to be presented to the member who sponsors the most new members into the American Vecturist Association. The recipient of this honor for 2003 is Bob Schneider.

President Sowell announced that Louis Lockwood had designed a new membership application for the American Vecturist Association. He submitted examples of the application to the board for comments and approval. After review and changes submitted to President Sowell, Treasurer Reznick moved that this new application be used solely on the websites currently being maintained by Bob Schneider and Jack Wingerter. Motion was seconded by Bill Weber and approved by the board.

Vice President Weber opened a detailed and lengthy discussion about developing a Web Site on the Internet sponsored by the American Vecturist Association. The discussion covered topics pertaining to this concept from Links to Other Organizations, Online Catalogues, Online **FARE BOX**, security levels, search engine awareness/links, passwords, domain names, revenue generation, a chat room, expenses, a source for new members and a recognized presence on the World Wide Web for the AVA. It was decided that a general presentation should be made by Bill Weber to the membership after the auction on Saturday to gauge the interest level of this subject before proceeding.

Convention Chairman Reznick announced that our 2005 Convention would be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. The board unanimously approved this location. Additionally, Convention Chairman Reznick reported that David Cox had completed a tremendous amount of work needed in setting up the convention in Knoxville. Other states mentioned for future convention site consideration were Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma and Utah.

President Sowell ended the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual AVA Executive board meeting at 4:42PM.

## **SEE YOU IN KNOXVILLE**

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### **BANK TOKEN GOOD FOR CAROUSEL RIDE**

This summer Hal Ford and I acquired a fascinating token issued by a bank and good for a carousel ride, from Frisco, TX:

B 29 Sd

FIRST NATIONAL BANK/SOUTHWEST (IN LOGO)  
Good For/One/Carousel/Ride/hh

We're working on getting a supply for the New Issues Service.

## 2004 AVA Convention Auction Prices Realized

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Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.
1	17.50	55	2.50	109	3.25	163	10.00	217	No Bid	271	8.00
2	12.00	56	7.00	110	74.00	164	7.50	218	3.00	272	48.00
3	12.00	57	7.50	111	11.00	165	12.00	219	7.25	273	3.75
4	9.50	58	7.50	112	3.00	166	21.00	220	W/D	274	15.50
5	9.00	59	90.00	113	3.00	167	30.00	221	4.25	275	5.00
6	10.75	60	4.25	114	58.40	168	4.00	222	36.00	276	15.50
7	23.00	61	52.00	115	100.00	169	5.25	223	11.50	277	6.00
8	5.00	62	6.60	116	11.00	170	16.00	224	9.50	278	5.50
9	6.00	63	6.50	117	34.00	171	252.00	225	7.50	279	2.00
10	5.00	64	6.50	118	22.00	172	8.50	226	3.40	280	550.00
11	12.00	65	33.00	119	2.65	173	19.00	227	4.00	281	3.60
12	67.00	66	110.00	120	4.25	174	19.00	228	1.75	282	4.50
13	18.80	67	3.50	121	7.00	175	2.30	229	5.10	283	8.50
14	7.10	68	13.00	122	10.00	176	13.00	230	3.00	284	46.00
15	6.10	69	22.00	123	2.00	177	2.30	231	3.30	285	7.80
16	160.00	70	13.00	124	11.00	178	21.00	232	12.00	286	3.50
17	5.80	71	7.50	125	2.80	179	5.50	233	4.50	287	3.10
18	10.00	72	7.50	126	No Bid	180	10.50	234	4.00	288	3.25
19	20.00	73	3.50	127	11.00	181	6.00	235	16.80	289	5.55
20	15.50	74	8.25	128	3.25	182	3.00	236	120.00	290	11.00
21	4.75	75	2.00	129	5.05	183	5.50	237	2.00	291	6.50
22	5.00	76	22.00	130	5.50	184	7.00	238	7.50	292	25.40
23	5.00	77	7.00	131	3.00	185	17.50	239	No Bid	293	38.00
24	3.75	78	3.25	132	3.85	186	50.00	240	5.50	294	7.50
25	8.00	79	7.25	133	5.50	187	13.00	241	2.90	295	21.00
26	36.00	80	8.80	134	118.00	188	2.80	242	11.00	296	51.00
27	4.50	81	23.00	135	3.00	189	4.30	243	101.20	297	7.50
28	3.00	82	200.00	136	4.00	190	2.80	244	20.00	298	123.00
29	4.25	83	260.00	137	5.00	191	4.50	245	30.00	299	4.10
30	55.00	84	10.00	138	4.00	192	5.00	246	3.50	300	8.00
31	85.00	85	7.50	139	3.40	193	2.50	247	20.00	301	9.50
32	12.00	86	16.00	140	6.50	194	26.00	248	15.00	302	2.00
33	6.50	87	5.50	141	10.00	195	4.25	249	2.00	303	22.00
34	17.00	88	3.50	142	37.00	196	9.00	250	9.35	304	15.50
35	53.00	89	3.15	143	2.00	197	9.33	251	6.75	305	46.00
36	9.10	90	3.25	144	6.15	198	5.50	252	11.00	306	64.00
37	4.00	91	3.10	145	57.00	199	6.75	253	3.50	307	16.50
38	50.00	92	3.25	146	9.00	200	9.75	254	19.00	308	3.00
39	1.50	93	3.00	147	11.00	201	11.00	255	5.50	309	14.50
40	2.75	94	11.90	148	4.50	202	5.25	256	225.00	310	12.00
41	2.25	95	4.18	149	2.50	203	55.00	257	6.50	311	64.00
42	2.00	96	W/D	150	2.00	204	56.00	258	17.50	312	3.60
43	67.00	97	5.50	151	35.00	205	80.00	259	13.30	313	13.00
44	9.50	98	3.50	152	65.00	206	3.20	260	9.25	314	6.00
45	6.75	99	33.00	153	2.00	207	1.90	261	16.27	315	149.00
46	44.89	100	7.10	154	2.50	208	5.25	262	7.50	316	271.00
47	7.00	101	8.40	155	2.80	209	8.25	263	3.90	317	10.10
48	55.00	102	10.64	156	1.50	210	9.50	264	8.50	318	7.25
49	3.75	103	6.05	157	2.00	211	8.25	265	7.00	319	17.50
50	16.00	104	16.50	158	2.00	212	4.50	266	No Bid	320	12.50
51	21.00	105	4.50	159	3.40	213	3.00	267	2.00	321	7.50
52	7.50	106	8.00	160	4.25	214	7.50	268	2.40	322	12.00
53	4.75	107	7.50	161	10.50	215	7.50	269	9.15	323	5.50
54	7.75	108	4.25	162	6.60	216	7.00	270	4.25	324	3.00

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Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.	Lot	Pr. Real.
325	6.50	332	3.30	339	15.00	346	6.50	353	18.00	360	3.00
326	3.75	333	23.00	340	6.70	347	W/D	354	3.40	361	3.00
327	14.00	334	2.00	341	10.50	348	5.50	355	No Bid	362	20.35
328	3.00	335	50.00	342	7.70	349	1.50	356	4.00	363	10.00
329	69.00	336	6.50	343	7.00	350	1.50	357	5.50	364	4.00
330	7.70	337	22.00	344	5.00	351	1.50	358	6.00	365	18.00
331	3.60	338	77.00	345	7.50	352	5.75	359	6.00		

The floor auction got underway with 44 mail bidders participating, of which 32 came away with winning bids. There were 21 winners in attendance at the auction. We were glad to welcome some first-time attendees who got some goodies for their collections. For the first time in several auctions, there were some tokens which did not get a bid. I was curious about multipliers, so I did the following, which I hope is of interest to some of you. By catalog value range, what were the multiples. Of course the good stuff went well, but you will be surprised by how well.

Cat. Value	Number	Total \$	Avg x	Lowest (#)	Highest (#)	No bids
1.50	54	187.98	2.32 x	1.50 (5)	10.50 (1)	
1.75	3	8.00	1.52 x	1.75 (1)	4.25 (1)	1
2.00	52	212.75	2.05 x	2.00 (9)	10.75 (1)	
2.50	26	181.95	2.80 x	2.50 (1)	36.00 (1)	2
3.00	15	151.75	3.37 x	3.00 (2)	57.00 (1)	
3.65	1	11.00	3.01 x		11.00 (1)	
4.00	1	18.00	4.50 x		18.00 (1)	
4.50	4	29.25	1.63 x	4.50 (1)	11.00 (1)	
5.00	40	492.65	2.46 x	5.00 (2)	67.00 (1)	1
6.00	5	53.30	1.78 x	6.00 (1)	13.30 (1)	
6.50	3	29.80	1.53 x	6.50 (2)	16.80 (1)	
7.50	23	551.77	3.20 x	7.50 (2)	69.00 (1)	
8.50	4	68.00	2.00 x	11.00 (1)	21.00 (1)	
10.00	22	549.30	2.75 x	10.00 (2)	55.00 (1)	
12.50	5	155.00	2.48 x	12.50 (1)	74.00 (1)	
15.00	16	630.29	2.63 x	15.00 (1)	252.00 (1)	1
17.50	1	52.00	2.97 x		52.00 (1)	
20.00	8	454.00	2.84 x	20.00 (1)	120.00 (1)	
25.00	5	400.40	3.20 x	58.40 (1)	100.00 (1)	
30.00	3	373.00	4.14 x	50.00 (1)	200.00 (1)	
35.00	7	772.20	3.15 x	35.00 (1)	225.00 (1)	
40.00	3	527.00	4.39 x	118.00 (1)	260.00 (1)	
50.00	1	271.00	5.42 x		271.00 (1)	
75.00	1	550.00	7.33 x		550.00 (1)	

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**GOLDEN TUBING RIDE TOKEN**

Harry Crow reports finding an unusual token used at a resort near Glenwood, NY, "to ride down the slope on an inner tube":

GOLDEN/TUBING/CO./NON REFUNDABLE  
No Cash/Value/Good/For/One/Ride

B 29 Sd

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**A LETTER FROM BOB SCHNEIDER**

Hi John,

Just a quick note to tell you, that you missed a great convention. The 2004 convention was my first and I truly enjoyed it. Diane, my wife, went along just to be with me. She joked with her friends sarcastically that we were going all the way to Charlotte to go on a trolley ride and to see a trolley museum, "whoopee!" Her sarcasm was very funny.

When we arrived, her attitude changed, and she can't wait until the next one. The people in the AVA are great. We are younger than most of the members, however, all the members made us feel very comfortable and welcome. The collectors of transportation tokens and their spouses are very special people.

I also wanted to commend the board and especially Joel on the magnificent organization and planning they went through for the meeting. Everything was perfect. OK, almost everything. The hotel ran out of onion soup and potato soup. I don't eat either but Diane and the Sowell's do.

Anyway, thanks for a great weekend and I will see you in Knoxville.

**AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE**  
**By Harold V. Ford**

**MICHIGAN**

**Gibraltar** 350 (Reported by Karl Gabsch)  
**CITY OF GIBRALTAR/(CITY SEAL)**  
**A o Pr 32 Sd Gibraltar/Senior/Transportation/Token (blue lettering) \*\*\***

**MINNESOTA**

**Minneapolis** 540 (Reported by Ed Axthelm)  
**MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL/(FRONT OF TROLLEY)**  
**AN WM 20 Sd Valid For One Base Fare/(front of bus)(\* 2003) (600,000) \$1.25**

**NEW YORK**

**Gloversville** 315 (Reported by Roger Bolz)  
**CITY OF GLOVERSVILLE/TRANSIT/SENIOR CITIZEN/STUDENT**  
**E Pr 29 Sd Hannaford Ride/and Save/725-0847 (black printing) \*\*\***

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Charlotte** 160 (Reported by Fred Sader & New Issues Service)  
**CHARLOTTE/TROLLEY/(TROLLEY)**  
**L B 23 Sd Charlotte Trolley/2004/One Dollar/(trolley with "worth the money" on front)(\* 2004) (20,000 struck) 1.00**  
**NO CASH/VALUE/50¢/cc/(TWO STARS)**  
**M A 23 Sd No Cash/Value/α/(two stars)(\* 2004) (2,000 struck) .50**  
**GOOD FOR ONE AFTERNOON TOUR/ON THE/CHARLOTTE/TROLLEY/AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION/54th ANNUAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 15, 2004/(TROLLEY)**  
**N o Bz 39 Sd (AVA Seal) (antiqued) (300 struck) 7.50**

**WISCONSIN**

**Janesville** 300 (reported by Ed Vogel)  
**CITY OF JANESVILLE/WISCONSIN'S PARK PLACE/RWM/(TREE)**  
**F Bz 23 Sd Janesville Transit System/One/Special Fare/JTS (logo) .50**

**Rice Lake** 730 (Reported by Joseph Barreiro & Gerald Johnson)  
**RICE LAKE/WISCONSIN/(CITY SEAL)**  
**A Pr 43 Sd City Bus/Adult/Single/Fare/No Cash Value-No Refunds (\* 4/02) (gold printing) (1,000 issued) .70**  
**B Pg 43 Sd City Bus/Youth/Single/Fare/No Cash Value-No Refunds (\* 4/02) (gold printing) (500 issued) .50**  
**C Pb 43 Sd City Bus/Senior/ADA/Single/Fare/No Cash Value-No Refunds (\* 4/02) (gold printing) (2,500 issued) .40**  
**D Pe 43 Sd City Bus/Paratransit/Single/Fare/No Cash Value-No Refunds (\* 4/02) (gold printing) (500 issued) .40**  
**E Py 43 Sd City Bus/Transfer/Pass/No Cash Value-No Refunds (\* 4/03) (gold printing) (500 issued) .25**

**UNIDENTIFIED** (reported by Gary Pipher)  
**COULTER & BRO/LIVERY/&/BUS/LINE**  
**284 B 23 Sd Good For/a Trip/Feb (all incuse)**

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

**MA 430 D: to reverse add RWM**  
**RI 521 J: add (91,101 struck)**  
**WI 300 E: correct metal to Bz (WM-plated)**

NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

Gilbraltar, MI is another city in southeastern MI that issued a subsidized "senior" fare token. I was told this issue has been obsolete for about four years and due to a partial rehab of city hall, the token supply is packed away in storage. Once employees move back into their new quarters, perhaps the NIS will connect on a supply for its members.

Ed Axthelm recently visited the Twin Cities and noted a new unlisted token. Since we have local members, he checked with Bill Sowell prior to purchasing a supply for the NIS.

The grocery store in Gloversville, NY that issued NY 315 B C D is now a regional chain Hannaford outlet. Due to a short supply of 315 C, a new round plastic token was issued. Tokens are given to patrons who purchase a required amount of groceries and are given a token for a return trip on the local transit. The NIS will not handle this one. You have to be there to obtain a specimen.

In recent months Charlotte, NC issued two regular tokens, NC 160 L and M, which I am informed are used on all forms of local public transportation. The AVA tour was actually Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and was struck by Masterpiece Medallions of Claremont, CA. The NIS will handle all three.

The new listing from Janesville, WI is like 300 E, but struck in bronze. It is for a special youth fare for after school activities. Bill Garrison contacted the local authority and learned that due to a low supply on hand, they could not make a quantity available to NIS members.

Kathleen V. Morse, City Clerk-Treasurer of Rice Lake, WI designed the five Rice Lake, WI plastics we list this month. Through the efforts of Gerald Johnson the NIS will have a supply for the NIS.

Unidentified 284 is another "month" listing in the Coulter & Bro Livery and Bus series. Now we have Jan, Feb, Mar, June, and Sept plus the Unid 91 listing. Gary sold it for \$150.00 to a local dealer who offered it on ebay where it sold for \$182.48 this past April.

Stan Varnon reports the Gadsden, AL carousel uses a new unlistable generic token. It is light Bz 29 Sd (CAROUSEL HORSE)hm/No Cash Value hm. AL 370 B and AL 100 A are no longer in use.

Need help in finding location prior to listing. Two tokens (brass and Wm) 29 Sd WOW/FAMILY/FUN CENTER/RIDE//TOKEN/hm. Reverse side has same inscription. Where from and why different metals?

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TRAVERSE CITY, MI, CHERRY FESTIVAL RIDE TOKENS

Two nice tokens acquired this summer, thanks to a report from Joe Radomski, are good for 10¢ rides during the Traverse City Cherry Festival:

	BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY/BATA (IN LOGO)
A 25 Sd	National Cherry Festival/(cherries)/Ride Token
B 25 Sd	National Cherry Festival/(cherries)/hm/Ride Token

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MOONLITE CARWASH SINCE 1965 (ANTIQUE CAR)

D Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm

.50

FLORIDA

Deerfield Beach 190

QUICK CAR WASH DEERFIELD BEACH, FL \$1.00

A B 27 Sd Good For One Dollar in Trade 1<sup>00</sup> hm (WM-plated)

1.00

Ellenton 237

301 CARWASH ELLENTON, FLORIDA (CARTOON AUTO)

A Bz 27 Sd 3314 US Hwy 301 N One Dollar in Trade 1 (hwy 301 sign)

1.00

Gainesville 300

SCRUBS CAR WASH

B B 27 Sd Carwash Token No Cash Value. No Refunds \$1<sup>00</sup> (WM-plated)

(reeded edge)

1.00

Lake Worth 450

TROPICAL CAR WASH (PALM TREES) SUMMER & LILY (incuse)

THANK YOU rwm

A Bz 25 Sd 826 N. Dixie Hwy. Lake Worth, FL. (palm trees) No CashValue (incuse) Thank You

.50

Pompano Beach 740

LIGHTHOUSE CARWASH POMPANO BEACH, FL c (LIGHTHOUSE)

B Bz 25 Sd Lighthouse Carwash Pompano Beach, FL \$1<sup>00</sup> in Trade

(reeded edge)

1.00

INDIANA

Monticello 640

FRANK'S EXPRESS MONTICELLO, IN (CARTOON AUTO)

A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car)

3.00

MINNESOTA

Ramsey 675

SUNFISH EXPRESS 763.433.8383 TUNNEL WASH CLOTH-THOUGHLESS

A Pw 41 Sd Free Express Wash 6401 West Highway 10 Ramsey, MN

(red printing)

5.00

B Py 41 Sd Free Deluxe Wash 6401 West Highway 10 Ramsey, MN

(red printing)

7.50

MISSOURI

Arnold 15

ADVANCED AUTO DETAILING &amp; EXPRESS CAR WASH ARNOLD, MO

(636) 296-0044 GOOD FOR \$2.00 OFF ANY SERVICE

D Wr 38 Sd (blank) (250 made)

2.00

MISSOURI

Richmond 740

BP-SPARTAN CAR WASH 816-776-2163 (SPARTAN)

A Bz 27 Sd Good.For.One Dollar.in.Trade 1<sup>00</sup> hm 1.00

MONTANA

Dillon 260

WINDANCER CAR WASH DILLON MONTANA (EAGLE ON EMBLEM OVER WREATH)

A Bz 23 Sd Good.For.25.Cents.in.Trade 25 hm .50

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hooksett 440

SEA CREST CARWASH TOKEN (LOGO)

B WM 23 Sd No Cash Value No Refund rwm .50

NEW YORK

Syracuse 875

DEWITT CAR-WASH & DETAIL CENTER

D Pw 29 Sd \$1 Off (blue printing) 1.00

DEWITT CAR-WASH & DETAIL CENTER \$1 OFF

E Pw 29 Sd (logo of Syracuse Crunch Hockey Club) (red printing) 1.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Doylestown 293

DOYLESTOWN SELF-SERVICE CAR SPA

E Z 25 Sd Carwash Token hm (antique car) (K-plated) .50

Philadelphia 750

RAGING WATERS AUTO CAR WASH FRANKLIN MILLS

D Pw 41 Sd Free Wash Auto Car Wash Franklin Mill (black printing) 5.00

E Pp 41 Sd Free Works Wash Auto Car Wash Franklin Mills (black printing) 7.00

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga 120

THE CAR WASH A GREAT PLACE TO WASH YOUR CAR CHATTANOOGA, TN hh

C B 25 Sd hm (cartoon auto facing left) (stars) .50

UTAH

Orem 550

SPLASH-N-DASH 65 W. 800 N. OREM, UT

A Bz 25 Sd Car Wash Token hm (30's Cord) 3.50

VIRGINIA

Lynchburg 500

CAMPBELL AVENUE CAR WASH 3811 CAMPBELL AVENUE LYNCHBURG, VA

A Bz 25 Sd Wash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm 1.00

WASHINGTON

Seattle 780

JET CAR WASH 1426 23rd AVENUE SEATTLE

I Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hm (antique car) 2.50

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03 BUY/TRADE	25 SALE	25 SALE
Old US transit tickets. All 50 states. 919-468-5510 Dan Benice P O Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708	Smith's 1967 Foreign Transportation Token book. Only \$12.50 while they last, postpaid. Stephen Alpert P O Box 66331 Los Angeles CA 90066-0331	While supply lasts: [VA] 580-0 \$3.50 plus SASE. Also still have 50 different TT's at \$9.00 postpaid. Gilbert Ed Vogel 3314 Maple Street #2 Longview WA 98632-3352
15 MISC		26 SALE/TRADE
Recent Bus Schedules free for postage. If I have previously sent you schedules, try to ID them when you make your request. I still have many schedules from Colorado. Do send funds with your request. Gene Hurford 1527 Tulip Court Longmont CO 80501-2454	1) Fare Box -- Aluminum -- good shape \$475.00 plus UPS charges. 2) 24 school ride tickets in book form and/or transfers. Twin Cities Motor Transit Benton Harbor Mich. \$2.00 each plus SASE. 3) French tokens. Best offer. Send SASE for description. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924	Old US transit tickets from all 50 states. 919-468-5510. Dan Benice P O Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708
My big August 16 mail auction can be viewed on my website: <a href="http://home.pacbell.net/quadre">http://home.pacbell.net/quadre</a> . Have many better parking and car wash tokens, some transit. Over 1,000 lots of municipal trade tokens. Steve Alpert P O Box 66331 Los Angeles CA 90066-0331	Transportation tokens: [PA] 445-D \$1.50; [RI] 520-B 75c; 520-F \$2.50. Car wash token [NV] 500-A \$3.00. Please add postage. Al Zaika P O Box 65 Bellmawr NJ 08099-0065	30 TRADE
		Let's trade! Send your TT listing. Receive mine. Have other varied tokens and exomunia to trade for TT's. John Ciecka 1540 Society Hill Dr. Bensalem PA 19020-3689

(Ads continued on next page)

According to a note by AVA member John Tolson in the Journal of the Transport Ticket Society, the Leicester Councils Partnership has replaced its 50p yellow tokens with 50p light blue tokens, which began circulating 15 April 2004 and are valid until 30 April 2005. Leicestershire is in Great Britain.

30 TRADE	40 WANTED	40 WANTED
Two For One!! Send me up to 30 TT's all different and I will send you up to 60 tokens of my choice. Send \$3.00 with order for postage. E-mailschoolbusben@cs.com "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924	Will pay 4X book value for [MI] 75-C. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924	[RI]520-A, D, E, G, I, J; 521-B, C, D; 700-C, H, I, N. Stan Varnon 805 Oak Ridge Drive Birmingham AL 35214-2803
40 WANTED	Wanted - New collectors to trade with. Send me your lists of TT's, Cwt and/or personals. I will send you mine. Also still looking for deals on personals. Gilbert Ed Vogel 3314 Maple Street Longview WA 98632-3352	Need many Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas transportation, car wash and parking tokens. Please price. Walt Hinkle 518 Main van Buren AR 72956-5110
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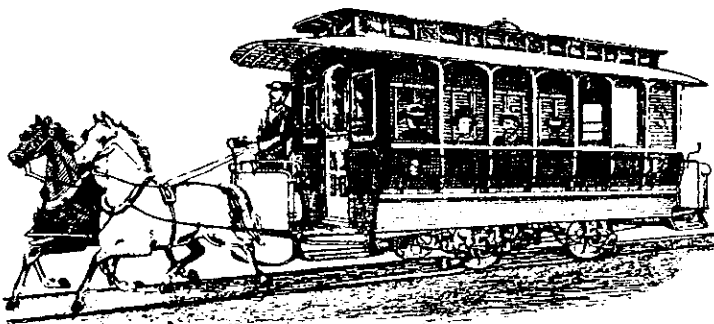
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W.D. SACKS and RON SCHWARTZ

We have lost two more of our members. Ron Schwartz, AYA 2240, of Dallas, PA, was a very active collector, and was present at our Charlotte convention this year, where he purchased a large number of tokens in the auction. He had a beautiful collection, and we shall all miss him.

W.D. Sacks, AYA 856, of Baltimore, was a long-time member, and an active one. A good friend and correspondent of mine over many years until he fell ill. He died September 27, and leaves a void among us.

October 10. My back problem is still with me so this issue is somewhat abbreviated because I find it difficult to use a typewriter. It is also difficult to walk the three blocks from the subway station to the post office, so please use my home address for all mail until further notice: 1501 Beacon St., Apt. 1602, Brookline, MA 02446 (address mail to my name).

A phone call last night from Bill Coleman brought the report of a new carousel token right in his backyard in Kennewick. The carousel it will be used on is still unfinished but they have already issued tokens which, we are confident, will be available for our New Issues Service. Also Bill Garrison has secured three new tokens that are being used on the carousel in Missoula, MT, which has issued so many tokens already. These also will be available for our NIS. Also, John Byars has secured sufficient quantities of five new carousel tokens used in the Houston Zoo.

Bill Weber asked me to repeat his ad from page 80 last month offering the new catalog of world transportation tokens, except that the price is \$15 for outside USA postage, \$10 to USA.



(Restarting) The CARWASH TOKEN NEW ISSUE SERVICE

Now that a major portion of the 'Former' Carwash Token New Issue Service property has finally been turned over to the current Carwash Token New Issue Service Manager, numerous items are being finalized to return the C/WT NIS to full operation. Approximately 95% of the former C/WT NIS Member's funds have been recovered, plus several lots of tokens that had not been shipped. The negative part comes when no records were received. All but one (possibility two) of the former C/WT NIS Members have been located and contacted, and efforts are underway to credit former Members with as nearly as possible, their approximate Account balance, plus credit for any tokens shipped, but never distributed.

At this point, I would request the one or two persons that have not yet notified myself of their past participation in the C/WT NIS, to do so.

I welcome any and all AVA Members having an interest in being included in the C/WT NIS to contact myself via mail at: Louis Lockwood, 10420 Sugardale St., Harrison, OH 45030-1734, or via email at: [elmwoodrr@fuse.net](mailto:elmwoodrr@fuse.net) I will be glad to facilitate 30 members, or more if necessary!! (As of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, I have a possible 15 total members listed.)

To start with, a 'Welcome' letter, a copy of the C/WT NIS Policy, and a Survey sheet will be mailed out in the very near future to the AVA Members that have contacted myself (those items may have already been received prior to this appearing in the FARE BOX).

I plan on following the same procedures that Bill Sowell uses on the TT NIS. (All such items will be listed in the C/WT NIS Policy.) I will suggest NIS Members deposit a minimum of \$35 in their account, and an indication will be forthcoming when one's balance drops below \$15. A fee will be charged on the second and following notifications of a low fund balance.

Per Token cost plus a small handling fee per token will be charged, plus actual postage and 10 cents per shipment for self insurance. Two ounce shipments will be the norm.

Since no records were received from the previous C/WT NIS manager, I intend on using AVA Membership Numbers as a progression list (in the case of a limited number of available tokens), said tokens will be shipped starting with the lowest AVA Number and continue until all tokens are shipped.

I would greatly welcome and appreciate efforts from any AVA Member in obtaining Car Wash Tokens for the C/WT NIS. I would ask for one to check with myself first rather than just sending tokens, to keep from duplicating token lots. Total Token costs and shipping will be reimbursed.

John Coffee has requested articles for the FARE BOX related to 'Car Wash Token Collecting', of which I have several subjects in mind. I have already received several ideas from fellow Car Wash Token Collectors, and would welcome your ideas!

Car Wash Token Collecting is FUN!!! Try it!!

**Prices Realized From The Ninth W.D. Sacks Token Auction**

0	No Bid	51	4.25	102	3.00	153	154.00	204	3.48	255	15.10
1	5.00	52	233.75	103	86.52	154	5.52	205	4.29	256	No Bid
2	10.50	53	4.51	104	7.87	155	3.08	206	2.42	257	23.25
3	3.00	54	3.90	105	7.88	156	No Bid	207	6.60	258	76.40
4	4.10	55	3.30	106	4.00	157	15.25	208	247.50	259	22.10
5	1.00	56	5.10	107	6.00	158	3.48	209	247.50	260	No Bid
6	5.55	57	5.16	108	3.92	159	3.41	210	28.20	261	275.24
7	2.64	58	3.60	109	6.05	160	91.10	211	247.50	262	83.82
8	20.51	59	5.78	110	20.35	161	55.00	212	247.50	263	154.00
9	5.40	60	3.60	111	15.58	162	2.80	213	2.40	264	108.35
10	11.00	61	38.50	112	2.75	163	3.20	214	3.35	265	130.52
11	24.81	62	26.15	113	2.75	164	Error	215	3.08	266	330.00
12	8.33	63	88.00	114	43.00	165	24.33	216	5.61	267	136.50
13	8.25	64	2.80	115	49.00	166	2.80	217	9.98	268	24.38
14	6.05	65	5.00	116	16.50	167	4.45	218	12.22	269	60.50
15	5.00	66	No Bid	117	9.75	168	7.43	219	43.07	270	57.86
16	7.25	67	No Bid	118	6.00	169	30.25	220	4.03	271	83.82
17	4.50	68	No Bid	119	2.40	170	2.80	221	15.88	272	251.00
18	4.50	69	5.61	120	No Bid	171	4.03	222	5.68	273	76.20
19	13.05	70	3.30	121	2.56	172	3.36	223	16.00	274	68.20
20	8.15	71	8.69	122	3.40	173	2.55	224	5.13	275	11.25
21	18.55	72	2.20	123	15.25	174	5.61	225	2.40	276	5.10
22	12.65	73	3.86	124	7.70	175	32.56	226	6.30	277	150.15
23	3.63	74	3.41	125	7.88	176	2.80	227	5.11	278	130.52
24	5.12	75	3.86	126	3.05	177	32.20	228	1.66	279	79.53
25	13.05	76	7.15	127	33.00	178	83.82	229	4.02	280	15.40
26	4.40	77	4.50	128	27.77	179	57.42	230	1.50	281	5.61
27	4.68	78	1.25	129	5.68	180	2.25	231	1.56	282	46.64
28	2.25	79	65.00	130	18.88	181	12.21	232	1.56	283	20.36
29	1.46	80	89.58	131	42.35	182	83.82	233	1.50	284	No Bid
30	No Bid	81	4.25	132	12.16	183	91.85	234	1.72	285	No Bid
31	2.25	82	5.61	133	3.35	184	57.42	235	1.72	286	No Bid
32	2.80	83	3.19	134	57.42	185	71.78	236	3.00	287	1.75
33	11.00	84	11.57	135	3.90	186	No Bid	237	3.33	288	3.08
34	2.80	85	8.91	136	26.00	187	7.25	238	6.33	289	No Bid
35	9.68	86	12.10	137	11.15	188	2.80	239	Error	290	7.28
36	5.00	87	13.75	138	5.20	189	No Bid	240	15.10	291	95.00
37	3.60	88	27.77	139	16.50	190	8.80	241	32.82	292	94.00
38	5.25	89	19.80	140	19.00	191	2.80	242	24.42	293	47.52
39	18.55	90	3.08	141	183.22	192	3.05	243	15.10	294	83.82
40	25.15	91	3.08	142	2.80	193	5.06	244	24.42	295	180.00
41	3.30	92	3.58	143	5.25	194	3.58	245	24.42	296	5.53
42	3.30	93	2.20	144	111.10	195	2.30	246	6.78	297	33.00
43	4.25	94	3.63	145	136.40	196	8.25	247	2.80	298	2.40
44	3.90	95	2.75	146	159.50	197	4.10	248	No Bid	299	Error
45	4.40	96	3.08	147	132.00	198	8.25	249	2.80	300	3.10
46	8.75	97	34.28	148	5.16	199	5.10	250	3.52		
47	4.15	98	7.36	149	4.40	200	No Bid	251	24.38		
48	2.80	99	6.12	150	5.25	201	3.00	252	50.00		
49	6.11	100	7.50	151	23.65	202	3.90	253	35.42		
50	2.00	101	4.95	152	114.40	203	2.42	254	82.50		

SEE PAGE 60 OF THE JUNE FARE BOX FOR LIST OF TOKENS

## SUPPLEMENT #32 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

ARIZONA

Tucson 840

3485 N. SILVERBELL . 4733 S. CAMPBELL 5627 S MISSION  
cIg 11c (over HERALDIC SHIELD)

K Bz 25 Sd Car Wash hm (stars) .50

KANSAS

Topeka 940

DOUBLE DUTY TRUCK WASH hh (TRUCK)

D Bz 25 Sd Truck Wash 913-234-4424 600 NW Van Buren.Topeka, KS 66608 4.00

MISSOURI

Kirkwood 470

SQUEAKY CLEAN CAR WASH (CARTOON MOUSE RIDING IN CARTOON CAR)

B o Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm 1.00

NEW YORK

Deer Park 177

BUBBLE BRUSH SELF SERVICE CAR WASH DEERPARK, NY

A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm 1.00

WISCONSIN

Hudson 280

CROIXLAND CLEANING CENTER 900 INDUSTRIAL STREET HUDSON, WI

C Bz 29 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car) 7.00

Muskego 537 (ex Unid 448 + new one)

YOUR AUTO WASH AUTOMATIC CAR WASH hh (CARTOON AUTO)

A Bz 25 Sd (cartoon auto facing left)(stars) 6.00

B Bz 25 Sd hm (cartoon auto facing left) (stars) 6.00

Twin Lakes 895

SPRAY-N-SHINE (INSIDE AUTO) TOUCHLESS CAR WASH 415 NORTH  
LAKE AVE TWIN LAKES WI 53181

B Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm .50

UNIDENTIFIED

AQUA JET CAR WASH GOOD FOR ONE TOUCHLESS AUTOMATIC WASH

600 Bz 25 Sd Car Wash Token hm (30's Cord)

AUTO SPA CAR WASH (CARTOON AUTO)

601 Bz 27 Sd Good.For.One Dollar.in.Trade 1<sup>00</sup> hm

INDUSTRY CAR WASH (CHECKERED FLAG)

602 Bz 25 Sd Good For One Self Service Cycle No Cash Value One 1 hh

LONE PEAK CAR WASH

603 Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car)

ONLY FOR USE IN ARROWASH CARWASH 166 W ARROW STREET

604 B 25 Sd Petro-Vend Courtesy Token

PIT-STOP CARWASH (2 CHECKERED FLAGS)

605 Bz 25 Sd Good For One Self Service Cycle No Cash Value One 1 hm

QUICK'EASY AUTO (SPRAY) WASH

606 Bz 25 Sd Good.For.One Dollar.in.Trade 1<sup>00</sup> hm

SPLASH n DASH CARWASH (SPLASH MARK)(DASHING CARTOON CAR)

607 Bz 25 Sd Good.For.One Dollar.in.Trade 1<sup>00</sup> hm

TIDAL WAVE CAR WASH (inside dotted rectangle)

608 Bz 25 Sd Automatic Wash One 1 hm

## = SUPPLEMENT #JVP-58 TO FIESEL'S FIFTH

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**MICHIGAN** (Reported by V Nolan)**ROMULUS-3780**

AIRLINES / PARKING / 8325 Merriman / 1-800-300-9069 (O&R: Red lettering)  
 A Py 32 Sd 1 Day / Free / Parking / Per Car 3.00

**PTUN** (Reported by Dennis Poland)

THE CITY OF POWER / 5c / TOKEN / 1975  
 3156 B 23 Sd Elizabethton / A / Good Place / To / Shop / Tenn.

**PTMS-3033** (Reported by Dennis Poland)

PARKING / TOKEN / TD parking meter)  
 A B 25 Sd No Cash Value / CO / Non Negotiable (eagle) .50

**PTMS-3080**

PARKING / HH / TOKEN (auto)  
 AG B 25 Sd HH (eagle on branches surrounded by stars) .50

## = PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

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Vic Nolan reported this token many weeks ago. I have trying unsuccessfully to obtain full information regarding this item. All correspondence has gone unanswered.

The Elizabethton, TN token was reported to me some time ago. In my inquiries to the town I was informed that they had no knowledge of this token being used for parking. Dennis has sent me the token for perusal and it does indeed appear to be a parking token. It will be listed as PTUN till verification can be made.

The PTMS item is apparently from another token manufacturer.

Parking tokens have been reported in use at the following locations. I have no information on any of them:

SPELMAN COLLEGE  
 350 SPELMAN LN SW  
 ATLANTA, GA 30314-4399

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
 55 MONUMENT CIRCLE  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

KINETIC COMMUNICATIONS  
 2017 MORRIS AVE  
 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

ST JOSEPH CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 304 S. MAIN ST  
 SOUTH BEND, IN 46601

FIESEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =

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## SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

By Harold V. Ford

INDIANA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Bill Sowell)  
 MICKEY'S TAXI SERVICE/(765) 529-9000/  
 DUI (in CIRCLE with diagonal line thru)  
 I Py 29 Sd (same as obverse)(\* 2000) (black printing) (2,000 issued)

MONTANA

Missoula 660 (Reported by Bill Garrison)  
 A CAROUSEL FOR MISSOULA/RIDE TOKEN/(CAROUSEL HORSE)  
 AD B 25 Sd Altrusa Chariot/2004/HM (chariot) \$0.50  
 AE B 25 Sd Avalon/2004/HM (carousel horse) .50  
 AF B 25 Sd Santa's Pony/2004/HM (carousel horse) .50

RHODE ISLAND

Newport Bridge 521 (Reported by Bob Hewey & NIS) (30,000 struck each issue)  
 RHODE ISLAND/TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY/  
 PELL/NEWPORT/35th/RWM  
 N B 28 Sd (bridge)(small hub)(all incuse both sides) 1.00  
 RHODE ISLAND/TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY/  
 RITBA/50th/RWM  
 O B 28 Sd Rhode Island/Turnpike and Bridge Authority/  
 1954/2004/(bridge)(small hub)(all incuse both sides) 1.00  
 RHODE ISLAND/TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY/  
 MOUNT/HOPE/75th/RWM  
 P B 28 Sd Mount Hope Bridge/75 Years of Service/1929/2004/  
 (bridge)(small hub)(all incuse both sides) 1.00  
 RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY/  
 (TALL SHIP)  
 Q B 28 Sd Claiborne Pell Bridge/Claiborne Pell Bridge/Tall/Ships/  
 2004/RWM (small hub)(all incuse both sides) 1.00

SOUTH DAKOTA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by David Schenkman)  
 REID LAND CO./FAULKTON,/S.D./CHOICE/REAL/ESTATE  
 T o A 38 Sd Good For Railroad Fare/in Payment of Land./  
 Bought/of/Reid Land Co/Faulkton,/S.D. 35.00

WISCONSIN

Waterloo 915 (Reported by Ed Bawden)  
 1911 C.W. PARKER CAROUSEL/FIREMENS PARK,  
 WATERLOO, WI/(CAROUSEL HORSE)  
 E Py 38 Sd Ride/Token/No Cash Value/(top of carousel)  
 (gold printing) .50

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES

Group 35 (Reported by Joel Reznick & Bill Boncek)  
 G.F.I./TOKEN/THE GOOD GUYS  
 C B 20 Sd Transportation System/Invalid/RWM

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

NC 160 N (listed 8/04): Obv. should end AUGUST 15, 2004/CHARLOTTE,  
 NORTH CAROLINA/(TROLLEY)  
 TN 120 J: (listed 9/00): Obv. delete one RIVERPARK, as there is only one  
 WI 730 E (listed 8/04): the correct date is (\* 4/02) not 4/03  
 UNID 284 (listed 8/04): should be UNID 285

### NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The Indiana Misc 1000 listing is sold to clubs and taverns to use at their discretion. It is good for a \$4.00 discount on a taxi fare. Bill obtained a supply for the NIS.

A Carousel For Missoula issued three more tokens and Bill Garrison obtained a supply for the NIS. In recent years they issued tokens twice a year, but due to the slow economy they cut back on issuing new tokens.

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority is really grinding them out this year, four thus far. The NIS will handle. The local authority is collector friendly.

The SD Misc 1000 listing was pictured in last month's issue. It was originally pictured with an article by David Schenkman titled "Some Tokens Were Advertising Gimmicks" that was published in the Sept, 2000 issue of The Numismatist.

Ed Bawden recently visited Waterloo, WI and discovered a new issue for their carousel. He obtained a supply for the NIS.

Manuf. Samples Group 35 A and B were listed 7/98. GenFare International is a unit of General Signal Corp. Now we list a third size.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3184 RICHARD M. TUGGLE – 86-469 Kuneke St. – Kaneohe, HI 96744-3536  
Age 60; retired. Collects US (*Ryan*).
- 3185 JOHN M. CAHOON – 8743 Marjory Dr. – Mentor, OH 44060-1973  
Age 60; chemist. Collects all types (*Wingert*).
- 3186 PETER J. FERIOLI – 8723 Navaho Rd. #5 – San Diego, CA 92119  
(phone 619-461-3248) (email: [sgtrettep@aol.com](mailto:sgtrettep@aol.com))  
Age 57; mail carrier. Collects US, Canadian (*Gabsch*).
- 3187 DAVID E. NELSON – 231 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. #402 – Cincinnati, OH 45202-2690  
(phone 513-721-4505) Age 61; attorney. Collects US (*Ryan*).
- 3188 JOHN W. KEENER – 296 Wave St. – Laguna Beach, CA 92651-1454  
Age 51; tech writer. Collects US, Ohio. (*Schneider*)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Doug Borden – 185 Mill Landing Way – Rochester, NY 14626 (phone: 585-723-9435)  
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# A D THE FARE BOX T I O N

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Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2, 3/4 or full page) must be sent to the Fare Box editor. Ads must reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue, or they will be held for next month's issue. Exception would be if the editor decides on an earlier date of issue. Use the 2-letter State abbreviation in your ad, as well as your name, address and complete 9-digit zip code, which can be found by looking at a previous ad, or in the AVA membership roster. Submit only ONE ad per category. More will be combined into one ad, or held for next month's issue. Please, only ads relating to items listed in publications of the American Vecturist Association.

MGR'S MEMO	25 SALE	30 TRADE
<p>There are some collectors who are still sending their ads to our old address. Please note our new address as shown on the masthead of the Fare Box, and also in the masthead of this ad section.</p>	<p>At 2X catalogue value plus postage: [AR] 360-K; [CA] 340-A; [IA] 380-T, U, V; 450-A, B; [ID] 100-R; [IL] 720-J; [MA] 930-A; [MI] 5-L, N thru S; 773-A; 785-E, F; [MN] 30-G, H; 120-B, C; [MO] 668-A, B, C; [NC] 430-A, B; [PA] 142-F, G, H; [WI] 620-H; [WY] 120-Q, R. chuckb@vh.net</p>	<p>Two for One!! Send one to twenty different TT's, and I will send you two for one tokens of my choice! Send \$2.00 for postage with your order. schoolbusben@cs.com "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>
<p><b>04 CAR WASH</b></p> <p>Have car wash and parking tokens to trade for transportation tokens. Send your TT list, receive my list(s). John Ciecka 1540 Society Hill Dr. Bensalem PA 19020-3689</p>	<p>Chuck Benjamin 42 Kingwood Drive Poughkeepsie NY 12601-5405</p>	<p><b>40 WANTED</b></p> <p>Collector eager to buy old US transit tickets. Please send copies or descriptions. Thanks. 919-468-5510. Dan Benice P. O. Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708</p>
<p><b>25 SALE</b></p> <p>1) School Ride Tickets in book form and/or transfers. Twin Cities Motor Transit Benton Harbor, MI; 2) french tokens, best offer. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>[NY] 885-A at \$1.00 each. Postpaid. Gary R. Scozzafava 210 Jackson Avenue North Tonawanda NY 14120-2648</p> <p>My TT and Miscellaneous items list. Send \$1.00 for a copy or send me your list and I will send you my list. Stanley S. Sycko 12262 Bliss Court Sterling Heights MI 48312-3102</p>	<p>If you have a [MI] 75-C, let me know what you want for it. schoolbusben@cs.com "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>

New members & address changes are on the previous page.



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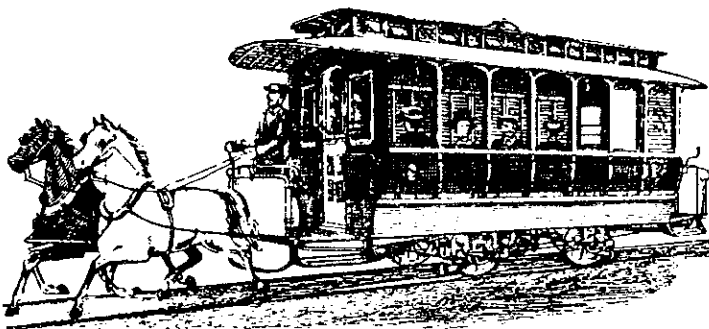
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November 7. My back is still about the same, so please continue to use my home (Brookline) address for all mail for the Fare Box and the AVA. Thanks to the many members who have expressed sympathy for my sore back. It is surprising how many others share a similar misery.

I regret to report the death of former AVA member John Fleer who died September 2. He was a wonderful guy and I recall having a delightful dinner with him, Joel Reznick, and Bill Garrison at the Bohemian Restaurant in Chicago on a snowy December evening, back about 1981.

A few interesting tokens have been on Ebay of late. IL 95 A sold for \$87.77, a very reasonable price. A North Staffordshire railway silver pass fetched \$418.12, indicating the high prices rare English railway passes continue to bring. An oddball aluminum token with all individually stamped letters inscribed "Joe's Taxi // Good For 50¢ Trip" brought about \$10. We have no idea where this is from. Then a beautiful previously unknown transfer token from Brazil, IN, similar to IN 140 B but with entirely different die work fetched \$435.00. The size of the token was not given.

The New York City Transit Authority, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New York subway system, has issued a special commemorative "token," brass 20mm inscribed "The New York Subway - Century of Progress in Motion, 1904-2004 (subway train with MTA logo)" on obverse; and "The Subway's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - A Century of Progress in Motion" on reverse. They are selling them in the New York Transit Museum for \$3.95. However, as this is only a souvenir, and not good for anything so far as we know, we shall not be listing it. Thanks to Gregory Campolo and Mark Glucksman for sending along specimens.

Bill Weber reports a mystery token, 23mm aluminum, inscribed on obverse: "Ilustre Municipalidad de Las Condes (coat of arms)" and on reverse: "Subsidio al Transporte del Adulto Mayor (elderly couple standing in front of bus)." Where is it from?

Joe Radomski recently drove to Medina, Ohio, and discovered several new varieties of tokens now in use, some of which will be available for our New Issues Service.

The Gomaco Trolley Company of Ida Grove, Iowa, issued in the year 2000 a new variety of their fantasy trolley token, which is listed in this month's supplement. Gomaco manufactures beautiful authentic reproductions of early 20<sup>th</sup> century streetcars which are now in use in several cities. These modern reproductions cost as much as \$300,000 each. We are trying to secure a supply of the new fantasy token for our N.I.S.

Chuck Benjamin reports that NY 760 D went up to 50¢ fare value, one token good for the senior fare, two for a full adult fare. However, all tokens have ceased being used in Poughkeepsie.

Sid White mentions a common problem. Many collectors who believe they have UT 650 B actually have 650 C, a much more common token. The true 650 B is a full mm larger than the C. Placed side by side, there can be no confusion between the two. Sid also reminds us that CO 690 D has a reeded edge, which is not mentioned in the catalog. Finally, it should be noted that MI 525 E has a plain background on its reverse, whereas 525 D has curved lines on its reverse. There seems to be some confusion on this point.



## AN INTERESTING INDIANAPOLIS TOKEN

By Bob Phipps

Some time ago, a 42x23mm ovoid brass token came my way. It was inscribed, "INDPLS RAILWAYS INC. / OPERATOR / 1017 / BANK CHECK." The reverse is blank and it has a 5mm hole at 12 O'clock. I did some preliminary searching on the internet without success. Then I sent the token to Harold Ford for his review with my speculation that it might be a pass used by company employees to ride the streetcar to the bank on company business. Harold returned the token with his comment that speculation would not get it listed.

It was time to do some serious research. I manipulated google in every way imaginable with no information whatsoever on the token. I did learn that the Indianapolis Historical Society had some of the Indianapolis Railways records. The records were contained in one oversize manuscript box, four folio folders, and twelve bound volumes. In order to properly research the Society's records, I would have to move to Indianapolis and I wasn't prepared to go that far.

Google finally led me to a 301 page, hard cover book titled "Indianapolis Railways" written by Jerry Marlette. Maybe the answer was in this book. I ordered a copy from The Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, Maine by calling 207 967-2712. Cost was \$55.00 which included postage and handling. The book is a complete narrative history of Indianapolis Railways from 1864 to 1957 with many photographs including several pages of tickets, transfers, and tokens. Upon receipt of the book, I scanned through it several times but saw no mention of my token. The dust cover has a short bio of the author and mentions that he has researched the Indianapolis Railways since 1939. My token was not in the book but maybe Mr. Marlette through his research knew something about it anyway. I wrote a letter to him and included an image of the token. He replied, "Have not seen one of these for some 20 to 30 years, but remember an old time motorman saying operators (probably meaning one man car men) used these when they turned in their daily run reports." I finally had the answer. My token was not eligible for listing in the Atwood-Coffee catalogue but is transportation related. I'll keep it in my collection.

My thanks to Jerry Marlette for sharing his expertise.

Now if only one of those Indianapolis celluloids would come my way.....

Reference: Indianapolis Railways by Jerry Marlette, Pioneer Press of West Virginia, Terra Alta, WV, 2002

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### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3183 KEITH N. PIERCE - 504 South 3rd Ave. - Brighton, CO 80601 (303-659-5018)  
Age 63, self-employed. Collects all types. (Shearer) (omitted last month)
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Age 50, Currency Dealer. Collects US & car wash. (Weber)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 2299 Harold Frey Jr. - 2260 Appleton Drive - Southaven, MS 38672-7129

## **Ottawa City Passenger Railway Company**

by

**Barry Uman**

One of the most beautiful and rare Canadian transportation tokens is the one for the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Company. It is not listed in Breton's, "Popular Illustrated Guide to Canadian Coins, Medals, etc.", but is listed as no. 1072g in Leroux's, "The Canadian Coin Cabinet".

It is also listed in Atwood-Coffee Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens as Ontario 675A and is the only horsecar token issued in Canada. It is made of brass, round and is 25mm wide.

### **Ottawa City / Passenger / Railway / Company Good For / [horsecar] / One Fare**

The Ottawa City Passenger Railway Company was incorporated on August 15, 1866. It operated from July 21, 1870 to June 1, 1894. It operated on a single 6.5 km line from the Chaudiere Bridge [ which crosses the Ottawa River to Hull, Quebec] past the Parliament buildings through Lower Town to New Edinburgh. The company had 10 horse drawn streetcars, 15 sleighs and 10 omnibuses. The summer trip took 15 minutes. The omnibuses were used in the spring and autumn when the mud made the track impassable. The sleighs were used only on the frozen roads.

It was amalgamated with the Ottawa Electric Street Railway Company on March 26, 1894 and was renamed the Ottawa Electric Railway Company which ran from June 1, 1894 to August 13, 1948. The first electric streetcar operated on Sparks Street only on July 26, 1893.

The token is made of brass and is round with a diameter of 25mm. It was probably struck by Pritchard and Andrews, a well known Ottawa manufacturer of quality tokens and medals. The quantity struck is unknown but probably did not exceed a few hundred tokens due to the small operation and limited market. It can now be considered a very scarce, hard to find token and it rarely appears on the market.

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3. Various information extracted from the, "C. Robert Craiq Memorial Library", Ottawa, Ontario from David Knowles, Librarian.

# OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

By Harold V. Ford

## MICHIGAN

Traverse City 930 (Reported by Joe Radomski)  
 BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY/BATA (in logo)  
 C o A 25 Sd National Cherry Festival/Ride Token/(cherries) \$2.50  
 D B 25 Sd National Cherry Festival/Ride Token/HM/(cherries) .50

## MINNESOTA

Bemidji 90 (Reported by Joe Radomski)  
 PAUL BUNYAN/TRANSIT/218.751.8765/(all in LOGO)  
 B Pb Oc Sd (blank)(\* 2/03)(43mm)(black printing)(2,500 issued) 1.25  
 C Pr Oc Sd " " " " (500 issued) .50

## NORTH DAKOTA

Minot 600 (corrected relisting; originally listed 4/98)  
 LIVERY, HACK & BUS LINE/PHONE. 28/A.P. SCOFIELD/  
 PROP./MINOT, N.D.  
 J o B 29 Sd Good For Return Passage/Between/Hotel/Morrill/&/Depots 100.00

## PENNSYLVANIA

Williamsport 990 (Reported by Bob Kelley)  
 FRANCO'S/327-1840/12 W. 4th ST. WILLIAMSPORT, PA/  
 (TWO PEOPLE TOASTING BEER MUGS)  
 F o Py 41 Sd Good For One Cab Ride/Local Only/(cab)(black printing) 3.50

## WASHINGTON

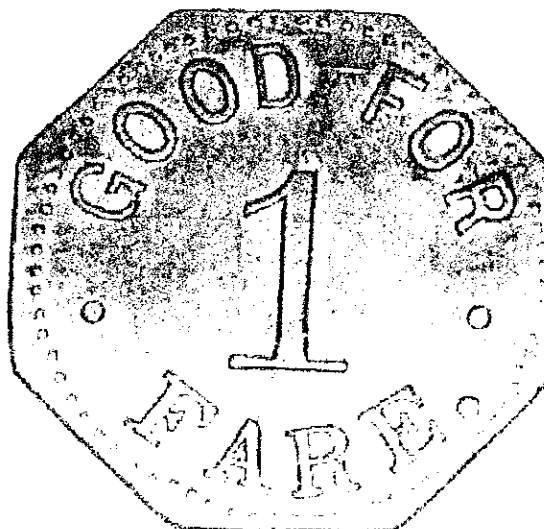
Wenatchee 970 (Reported by Harold Ford)  
 LINK/TRANSIT/(LOGO)  
 D Z 25 Sd Good For One Trip/In One Zone/1/Zone/HM  
 (K-plated)(1,000 struck)(\* 6/04) .50  
 Patterns 998 (Reported by Harold Ford)  
 LINK/TRANSIT/(LOGO)  
 P Z 25 Sd Good For One Trip/In One Zone/1/Zone/HM (WM-plated)

## FANTASIES

Iowa (relisting #1 and adding a new one)  
 STEP BACK IN TIME/(STREETCAR)/GOMACO TROLLEY CO.  
 1 B 29 Sd Gomaco Trolley Company/Ilda Grove, Iowa/1/Fare (reeded edge)  
 STEP BACK IN TIME/(STREETCAR)/GOMACO TROLLEY CO./  
 2000  
 2 B 29 Sd Gomaco Trolley Company/Ilda Grove, Iowa/1/Fare (plain edge)



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 UNLISTED TYPE  
 SIMILAR TO  
 IN 140 B  
 THAT SOLD FOR  
 \$435  
 ON EBAY



NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The two Traverse City, MI listings were mentioned p. 82, 8/04. They are discount fares during the annual July National Cherry Festival. Due to a short supply NIS will handle the brass listing and not the earlier aluminum issue.

Paul Bunyan Transit of Bemidji, MN issued two plastic tokens last year. The plain is an adult fare and the plastic red is a child fare. The NIS has received a partial supply. The local authority hopes to make additional available around the end of the year.

The original Minot, ND depot listing 4/98 was obtained from a grainy picture in a NATCA auction. Our editor recently obtained a specimen so now we relist with corrections.

The late Ron Schwartz distributed a few specimens of the Williamsport, PA listing at a recent AVA convention. Bob Kelley reported it. I checked it out and learned that Franco's Lounge occasionally gave them out to customers for a ride home. They discontinued using them for that purpose since many patrons would use the tokens for a ride to another bar. It is now used as a drink token. It will not be handled by the NIS due to the short supply at the source.

Link Transit of Wenatchee, WA reports the 970 D listing is a special use token; it is used for special trips, travel training (teaching people to use the transit system), rider packets, and other non revenue purposes. With persistence Bill Sowell was able to obtain a supply for the NIS.

We list the zinc plated WM Link Transit issue as a pattern since the local authorities denies ordering this one. They state they would not want a silver colored token as several local arcade tokens are also WM. I obtained a specimen via a recent exnumia auction.

We are relisting Iowa Fantasy #1 since it was initially listed 12/93 out of order. It was not picked up in the current edition of the A-C catalogue. It was noted in Additions and Corrections late 1996, but not picked up in the annual A-C supplement. Gomaco Trolley Co. builds rubber-tired trolleys which are in use all over the country. They issued a new token four years ago and Fred Sader reports Gomaco sent 50 specimens to the Charlotte trolley operation. The NIS is working on this one.

Mt. Vernon, IL 605 B, a mid to low census depot token, recently was offered on eBay and went for \$203.50, a bargain for the new owner.

Ed Vogel reports that recently listed MT 660 AF showing Santa's Pony is not a regular carousel horse. Santa's Pony is an outer replacement horse and is also used during the Christmas season.

If you expect a reply on inquiries, please enclose a SASE if you do not have an e-mail address listed in the membership directory.



NEW CAROUSEL TOKEN REPORTED BY  
BILL COLEMAN  
THAT WILL GO INTO USE  
IN KENNEWICK, WA  
AS SOON AS THE CAROUSEL  
IS READY TO OPEN



= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-59 TO THE FIFTH EDITION =

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OHIO

CINCINNATI-3165 (Reported by L Kemper)

GOOD FOR 2 HOURS PARKING / FEDERAL GARAGE / SYCAMORE ST. / BET.  
5th & 4th / (numeral)(incuse) / F. PUSTET CO. INC.

Z o B Ov Pc

(blank) (36mmX26mm)

10.00

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE-3780

PARKING ROUND THE SQUARE / PIONEER / SQUARE / WHERE SEATTLE  
BEGINS (logo)(K pltd)

BG WM 26 Sd

Good For One Dollar In Parking / 100 / HM

1.00

GERMANY (All reported by C O'Connor)

ALTENKIRCHEN-3020

PARKEN IN / ALTENKIRCHEN / P

A B 22 Sd

(same as obverse)

2.50

DUISBURG-3288

STADTSPARKASSE / DUISBURG

A B 18 Sd

(same as obverse)

3.00

DUREN-3290

STADTSPARKASSE DUREN KREISSPARKASSE DUREN / S / 50 (WM pltd)

A B 24 Sd

Citychip Duren (circles)

3.00

STADE-3850

DIE PARK-UND / STADETTE / BUSMUNZE

A B 21 Sd

Stade / Frischer Wind im Norden

3.00

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =

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Larry Kemper has turned up a beautiful old piece. This token was from a religious goods store on MAIN St.

There are a number of independent parking associations that apparently issue their own tokens in Seattle. Here is another.

Chris O'Connor has added a number of German items with more to follow.

Parking tokens were reported in use at the following locations. I have no information on any of them.

SIBLEY CENTER FOR BREAST HEALTH  
THE SIBLEY RENAISSANCE BLDG  
5275 LOUGHBORO RD NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20016

DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK COLE & WISLER  
GLENPOINTE CENTRE WEST  
5000 F W BURR BLVD  
TEANECK, NJ 07666

MARY RUTAN HOSPITAL  
205 PALMER AVE  
BELLEFONTAINE, OH 43311

WELLNESS PARTNERS IN THE ARTS  
319 WEST MAIN ST  
DURHAM, NC 27701

UNIVERSITY WOMENS CLUB OF OSU  
P O BOX 3233  
COLUMBUS, OH 43210

Should anyone obtain any information regarding the above, please inform me so that we may share that information with the membership. I would also be interested in hearing from anyone with unlisted items so that I can catalogue them.

If you care to purchase **FEISEL'S FIFTH EDITION CATALOGUE**, contact me direct.

Hardbound over 300 pages. I will also include supplement updates with FARE BOX references. Postpaid sent book rate, \$26.00.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =

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-October 2004-

SUPPLEMENT #33 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

CALIFORNIA

Norco 562

NORCO CAR & TRUCK WASH rwm (HEAD OF BANDIT)

F WM 29 Sd 2176 Hamner Ave. Norco, Ca No Cash Value 2005 (horiz) 1.50

KENTUCKY

Winchester 970

JEFF'S CAR WASH WINCHESTER, KY. LASER AUTOMATIC ONLY

A Bz 27 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value VB (crown) 7.00

JEFF'S CAR WASH WINCHESTER, KY. ROTO CLEAN ONLY

B Bz 27 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value VB (crown) 7.00

NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks 320 (ex Unid 4) (320 C is ex Unid 484)

DUN-A-MATIC (incuse) TOP INSERT (ARROW) A1 (1 slot)

A o Z 29 Sd B5 C6 (2 slots) 5.00

JIM'S CAR WASH 24th AVE. SO. & SO. WASHINGTON GRAND FORKS,  
N.D. (SUDSY CAR)

B o Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Satisfaction Guaranteed or Double Your  
Dirt Back 3.50

K.T.'s CAR WASH 24th AVE S. & S. WASHINGTON (CARTOON AUTO)

C o B 25 Sd Carwash Token Satisfaction Guaranteed or Double Your  
Dirt Back hh 2.50

PENNSYLVANIA

Doylestown 293

DOYLESTOWN SELF-SERVICE CAR SPA

F Z 25 Sd Carwash Token hm (antique car) (WM-plated) .50

WASHINGTON

Puyallup 720

MR SUDSY CARWASHES c MR SUDSY on (SUDSY CARTOON CHARACTER)

C WM 25 Sd Car Wash Token No Cash Value \$1<sup>00</sup> (15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>mm brass center)  
(reeded edge) 1.00

UNIDENTIFIED

CARWASH LAVACOCHEs c (SMILING AUTO)

609 WM 23 Sd Wash Token-Lavado No Cash Value V Sin Valor

SPEEDWASH (incuse)

610 B 24 Sd (blank)(2 ears)

CAR WASH CHAIN STOCK TOKENS

Group 420

JETSPRA CAR WASH 25c

A B 24 Sd (blank) (3 ears)(all incuse)

Group 430 (Canada)

MC SUDZ CAR WASH CORPORATION FLEET

A Bz 25 Sd Token hm

McSUDZ CAR WASH CORPORATION-TOKEN \$1.00 VALUE McS 23-01

(CARTOON MAN WITH SUDZY BRUSH) (MAPLE LEAF)

B Bz 27 Sd Non Refundable No Cash Value One 1 hm

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

CA 270 C Also used in Vista, CA

CA 562 C D E Correct metal to WM (a dark WM)

# A D THE FARE BOX I O N

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15 MISCELLANEOUS	25 SALE	35 TRADE/SALE
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Do you have old transit tickets? If you collect them, I can help. If you want to sell them or trade them, I'm an avid collector and will pay well. 919-465510.8 Dan Benice P. O. Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708	Breaking up extensive TT collection. AK, AZ, CA, ID, OR, UT, WY. Catalogue \$1 up(3X). All other (2X). Want lists only! Buyer pay postage and insurance. Ed Miller 3257 Idaho Lane Costa Mesa CA 92626-2235	<b>40 WANTED</b> [NJ] 30-A; 115-I; 120-A; 220-A; 310-A; 460-A; 555-F, G Stan Varnon 805-Oak Ridge Dr. Birmingham AL 35214- Michigan/Ohio vintage transportation tokens. Also any and all world-wide telephone and telegraph material. R. K. "Bob" Lusch 417 Arbor Avenue Monroe MI 48162-2510
<b>25 SALE</b> 150- different AVA personal tokens for \$120. Also happy to trade for pieces I want. Pete Smith 2424 4th Street NE Minneapolis MN 55418-3463	[NY] 630-BD for \$2.00 plus SASE Eugene Schaetzel P. O. Box 200174 Denver CO 80220--0174	AVA personal tokens from 157 A.J.Ferraro; 618 K.Palmer; 2145 Robert Gilbert and 2303 Fred Coops. Will buy or trade. Pete Smith 2424 4th Street NE Minneapolis MN 55418-
Washington 780-AA. Easy Streets token. \$1.00 plus SASE. Al Zaika P. O. Box 65 Bellmawr NJ 08099-0065	100 mixed transportation tokens \$15.00 postpaid. James A. Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827	Paying full catalogue for all Sioux City IA transportation tokens. James A. Vander Helm 18618 Birch Avenue Akron IA 51001-8827

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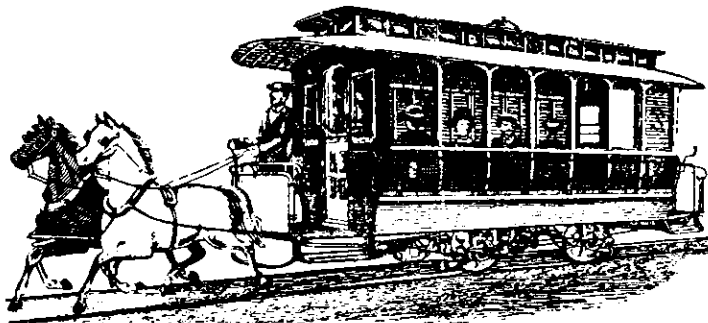
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December 7. Our treasurer, Joel Reznick, will be moving to Florida permanently at the end of this year, and he will be closing out his postoffice box in Wheeling, IL. So please do not send in your AVA dues for 2005 until he is settled down there in January. He will get a new postoffice box in Florida, and when we know what it is, I shall include a dues envelope with the Florida address on it, probably with the January Fare Box. So wait till you get that new dues envelope before sending in your 2005 dues. Again: hold up mailing in dues until a notice appears in The Fare Box.

Everyone at the Charlotte AVA Convention was given a beautiful 8x10" drawing of the old Charlotte Mint, on heavy matte paper suitable for framing. We have about 30 of these left, and any member who would like one may have it for 60¢ postage by writing Bill Sowell (address in masthead above). These are the work of AVA member George Osborn of Gretna, LA, who provided 100 of them free of charge. George is a highly accomplished artist and we are proud to have him as a member.

A number of interesting items on ebay recently. An unlisted depotel that was dug up in southeast Kansas, but of unknown origin, sold for \$123.61. The modest price was a consequence of the token's being in a very advanced state of decomposition, well rotted and discolored. It is 25mm aluminum: "Moores Hack / & Transfer / Line // Good For / 1 / Ride". A nice token if it were in better shape. Another hack token of unknown city is Unidentified #118, J.A. Hays Livery & Transfer. This one sold for \$178.35. It appears, from the photo, to be pretty dirty and dug, but certainly not as bad as the Moores token. A very rare modern token is TX 915 A, the Texas Turnspike Authority Beltway Bridge token. There may be more of these hidden away down there, but only 3 or 4 of them are in collections, so far as I know. This one brought \$40 on ebay last week. The NTCA show auction last September was run by Holabird Americana, and there was one really nice depotel token therein, but it was listed under North Dakota trade tokens instead of transportation tokens. Estimated value was \$300 to \$500. I got it for \$345 (including \$45 "buyers fee"). It's in excellent condition, although dark in color. Also in the same auction was ND 120 A (again under "North Dakota trade tokens") which went for only \$230. I didn't even bid on it, figuring it would fetch much more than that. More's the pity.



# UNPUNCHED SOLID ERRORS

Unpunched solid errors--tokens that should have something punched thru them but do not--have always fascinated me, and I have hundreds of them in my collection. My favorite is MN 760 C, the St. Paul horsecar token. When these were in use, well over a hundred years ago, the St. Paul horsecar token was punched with a center hole to distinguish it from the Minneapolis horsecar token, which was not punched. In punching a hole into the St. Paul token, part of a very beautiful design was removed. So when I saw an unpunched example of the token in auction, I bought it for what was, and still is, a very exorbitant price. But the unpunched token is beautiful and I love it. I know of only 2 or 3 of these in collections, although the regular punched token is fairly abundant (one brought \$28 in a recent AVA convention auction). Another of my favorite unpuncheds is PA 415 A, the Etna Transportation Co. token of Glenshaw. With the hole it's quite scarce. Without the hole it's downright rare.

What brought these to mind recently was the acquisition of a nice unpunched example of NY 630 AP, the big 28mm Aquaduct Race Track token issued with Y cut-out, otherwise just like the subway tokens then in use. Randy Glucksman got this unpunched one for me, and I notice that on obverse there is a vertical dash where the Y-sc should be (but isn't). A really nice token. I learned from Randy that these are available from Dave Wilson's Coin Shop at P.O. Box 567 - Jackson, NJ 08527. I called Dave and had a delightful chat with him about oddball errors of NYC subway tokens. He has some more of the unpunched NY 630 AP tokens if any member would like one. He needs \$6.00 plus a 37¢ stamped envelope.

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## THE BEAUMONT COMMEMORATIVE TOKEN: CA 72 A



One of the most beautiful tokens listed in the past year is CA 72 A, listed in the July 2004 Fare Box. When we learned of it, the authority informed us that it had been obsolete for six years, and we assumed that obtaining a quantity for our New Issues Service would be no problem. Unfortunately it has turned out otherwise, and they still have not authorized us to buy them. I am confident that we'll get them sooner or later, and the people at the authority seem friendly and cooperative. Photos of the token are above, exact size.

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In last month's Catalogue Supplement we listed an unusual tavern token from Williamsport, PA 990 F, and a beautiful Fantasy from Iowa issued by a firm that manufactures exact replicas of old trolley cars. Photos of the tokens, exact size, are below:



THE ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY, TOKENS

By Rodney K. Moulton

[Reprinted from the May 1954 Fare Box]

On a recent trip, I was able to learn the following about Rockville Centre, N.Y. With due credit to Houser, in the February issue of The Fare Box, I made a call on the Rockville Centre Bus Corp., and was at once told that they did not have any new token such as B 20 Bar, and never did have; only the WM 23 Bar such as they are now using and the school token, which (by the way) has never been reported, am so doing to Freiberg, soon as possible, which is WM 24 Bar (bus), and also they had some Bz and K plated, was able to get only one of each of those but they promised as soon as they get a new shipment, will let me have a supply, their stock on hand being very low at present. Well, after hearing that they had no token such as reported by Houser I asked if I could see the manager or someone who might clear the matter up, and I was referred to Mr. D.E. Pearsall, Superintendent of the company. After a lengthy conversation, he said that about ten years ago someone in the company had a brilliant idea that they could use a smaller token, so ordered 50,000 of these tokens from Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago and when they came in, they could not be used and he was very surprised that they were reported as he never allowed any of them to get out, he even wanted to know the name and address of the person who reported the token so he could write him and find out where he got the token. I told him I did not know and really I didn't at the moment. He was very peeved that it had been reported and said that the company had received many requests for the token and all of them had been sent the WM 23 Bar current one and told that they knew nothing of the brass one. I finally cooled him down, telling him that "the deed was done now" and no use worrying about it and if he would sell me a supply of the tokens, I would run this in The Fare Box and all those wanting any of the tokens could write to me for them. He finally agreed to this, but reluctantly, as he stated the company had agreed, just a week ago, to have them melted down and which he said they are going to do right away.

In view of the above, I bought 100 of the tokens and will probably get stuck on half of them, but thought I had better grab them as a last resort, as I am sure no one will be able to get any more. So if anyone wants any I can furnish them one OR MORE at 15¢ and stamped return envelope. Believe me, I had quite a time and spent half a day and to top it all off before he could let me have the 100 tokens he had to take the matter up with his superiors and the company attorneys so I had to make another trip back the next day, but was successful and that's something.

Now, John, you can put this in any way you think best, but felt it should be reported and make sure that no one is to write direct as I promised they would not, as they don't want to be bothered with letters and inquiries and anyway they will have no more after last Monday the 19th. O yes, the school token that they use says "Child's Fare" on both sides, nothing else, and it is WM 24 Bar (bus) as well as Bz and K plated. He stated that the difference has no meaning as the child's fare is 10¢ cash or 10 tokens for 75¢ and the operator gives any of the three different. Adult fare there is 15¢ cash or two tokens for 25¢.

## FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE FARE BOX

Mail has been slow the past few weeks, so I decided to see what I could mine from ancient issues of The Fare Box, as not many present members were members that long ago. So let's see what was happening 55 years ago, in the November 1949 issue.

President Schwartz announced on the front page that Roland Atwood would be the sole member of the New Issues Committee, and reports of new issues should be sent directly to him at his Hollywood address. Secretary Eroy Kimmons called for payment of AVA dues for 1950. Dues were \$2.00. And I put in the following paragraph about a New Haven coin dealer's recent auction of tokens:

"A New Haven coin dealer held an auction recently, which included a collection of Ohio merchants' tokens, probably the finest collection of these in existence. Included in this collection were several rare transportation tokens, namely: OH 60 A (Bellaire Ferry Check), OH 166 A B C E [1996 cat. numbers], and OH 726 A B [1996 numbers]. The fact that the Bellaire and Cincinnati lots contained transp. tokens became common knowledge and hence these lots brought fabulous prices: \$6.40 for OH 60 A, and \$14.50 (total) for the four Cincinnati tokens. No one noticed the OH 726 A & B, listed in the auction under Maumee City, so the fortunate bidder [that was JMC] got them for \$1 for both tokens. Moral? Look over those coin dealers' auction catalogues."

In that same November 1949 Fare Box I related my good fortune in obtaining the still very rare Covington, GA, streetcar token:

"Recently the Editor acquired the rare token from Covington, GA, of which there are now only two known. The token is rather worn, but not too much... Of interest are excerpts from the letter of the person from whom I bought the token: 'One day I decided to go through all the toys and I found it (the token) in a box of everything imaginable that children won't let their mothers throw away. I had no earthly idea where the coin came from, so I asked my husband last night. He said he had found it in the machine drawer years ago when he was a young boy, and had kept it all these years in a box of first-one-thing and then-another.'"

I had put an article in the Covington newspaper offering \$2.50 for one of the tokens, and that is what I paid for it. It is still in my collection.

In addition to several other small items, there's a brief article by Chris J. Cook of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, about the North Olmsted, OH, tokens. Chris was a long time member who had a magnificent collection until he sold it to Ralph Freiberg. Here is his info on the North Olmsteds:

"For the past month I have been on the trail of the North Olmsted tokens and, as you see, have finally made a nice discovery. The North Olmsted Municipal Coach Line operates 20 modern coaches between North Olmsted and Cleveland Public Square, a distance of 17 miles. The fare rate is cash and divided into 4 zones: 35¢, 30¢, 25¢, and 20¢. No tokens. But the school tokens sell at 6 for 25¢ and serve six schools both public and private. The company operates two lines: one by way of Fairview to Cleveland, and one to Butternut Ridge to Cleveland's west 220th Street, then to Public Square. I doubt if letters to the company will prove fruitful to collectors. Mr. Cook states there is only one known of each of the solid 29mm, the aluminum 25mm, and the fibre 25mm. There are 3 known each of the punched 29mm, and 16 known of the brass 24mm. The 25mm brass error is plentiful."

About a decade later I was visiting Bill & Corinne Black in McKeesport, PA, and they told me that there was a cigar box full of the North Olmsted tokens in the police station behind City Hall there. So I drove to North Olmsted, visited the police station and was shown that box full of tokens. They wouldn't give me even one, but said if I would write from Tacoma they'd send me one of each. I did, and asked for two of each, which they sent me (two each of OH 660 A-F). Until recently these were quite rare (660 A fetched \$176.75 in a recent AVA convention auction). But in the past few months an awful lot of North Olmsted tokens have been showing up on ebay. I think the catalogue values of all of them should be reduced.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WINTER?

I WILL MAKE AN HISTORIC TRIP ONCE AGAIN. FOR THE SEVENTH TIME I WILL GET A GLIMPSE OF THE BONE JERKING OMNIBUS ON COBBLED STREETS, TOO LONG FORGOTTEN TROLLEY SYSTEMS, NOW PAVED OVER AND HORSE LIVERY STABLES LONG TORN DOWN. COULD THERE HAVE BEEN DEPOTEL TOKENS UNDER THE FLOORS!!!

HOW AM I GOING TO POSSIBLY DO THIS? WHEN THE SNOW IS PILING UP AND THE WIND WHIPPING ABOUT I WILL BE BUSY VISITING SMALL VIGNETTE'S OF TRANSPORTATION HISTORY.

ALL OF THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF A HANDFUL OF EARLY AVA MEMBERS WHO HAD THE SAVVY TO SEARCH OUT THE SMALL ENTERPRISING LIVERY STABLE OWNERS AND GET FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

THERE IS ONE FELLOW WHO HAD THE VISION TO PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER. ONE WHO SEARCHED OUT THOSE EARLY PIONEERS AND AVA FOUNDERS TO BE. ONE PERSON WHO NEVER GAVE UP. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS OUR EDITOR JOHN COFFEE. WITHOUT HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS, I DOUBT VERY MUCH IF ANY OF WHAT WE KNOW TODAY, WOULD HAVE COME TO LIGHT.

THERE IS HOPE! IT'S ALL BEEN RECORDED IN A FANTASTIC BOOK. A BURGUNDY BEHEMOTH CALLED "THE HISTORY AND ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS". WHAT JOHN HAS DONE IS TAKE THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURES FROM OVER 50 YEARS OF FAREBOX (OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER) AND PUT THEM INTO ONE DELIGHTFUL SOURCE.

YOU CAN READ ABOUT THE SMALL HACK SYSTEMS IN WISCONSIN, OR TRAVEL DOWN TO TEXAS AND ACROSS THE ENTIRE EXPANSE OF OUR GREAT LAND. IN MANY CASES THE ONLY REMNANT OF A COMPANY IS THE TOKEN YOU MAY HOLD IN YOUR HAND.

FOR NOW, I AM GOING TO CATCH UP WITH THE "MUSTARD PLASTER" DOCTOR OF SOMERSET, OLD MAN MAITLAND AND TRY TO TALK HIM OUT OF A TOKEN, TAKE A RIDE DOWN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE MULE AND SEARCH THE JERSEY BOGS FOR AMMONS TOKENS.

IF THE WEATHER HOLDS UP, I HOPE TO STOP IN CANTON, OHIO AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ALL OVER AGAIN WITH FRED. I AM SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS.

WE'LL SEE YOU ALL LATER. I HAVE TO GO FILL THE BIRD FEEDERS. MY LITTLE WINGED FRIENDS NEED THEIR FOOD TOO.

BY OLIVER BRAUER  
AVA LIFE MEMBER #2785

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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

3190 MICHAEL KOBETS - 611 Banner Ave. #5-L - Brooklyn, NY 11235 (718-648-5118)  
Age 55; Maintainer. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking, Car Wash. (Gabsch)

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### REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

2860 Michael G. Spaulding - P.O. Box 895 - Auburn, Maine 04212-0895

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*Because Hal Ford had only one new token ready to list, we decided to omit the monthly Supplement to the Atwood-Coffee Catalogue for this issue.*

= SUPPLEMENT #JVP-60 TO FEISEL'S FIFTH  
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GERMANY (All reported by C O'Connor)  
COBURG-3250

	PARKHAUS / COBURG	
A B 20 Ch	(blank)	3.00

DUSSELDORF-3295

	PARKAUTOMATIC FARMONT DUSSELDORF III	
N B 23 Ch	(blank)	2.50

GERMPTMS-3059

	PARKMUNZE	
A B 23 Ch	(blank) (token is 1.50mm thick)	1.00
B B 23 Ch	(blank) (token is 2.25 mm thick)	1.00
	PARK / MUNZE (incuse)	
C WM 19 Sd	(blank)	1.00

GERMPSTM-3100

	DESIGNA / VERKEHRSLEITTECHNIK / PARK-KONTROLLE (anodized in various shades of green)	
J A 26 Ch	(blank)	1.50

= ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS =  
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PTUN-3069: List as GERMPTMS-3059-C  
DEL: GERM-3600-A--relist as GERM-3850-A

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY JOE PERNICANO =  
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Chris O'Connor has again provided us with a number of German PT's.  
Dennis Poland sends in info on an interesting item.

KING / AND / PRINCE / HOTEL  
Bz 23 Sd (blank)

I was informed by the source located in St Simons Island, GA, (THE KING AND PRINCE HOTEL) that they do not and have never used parking tokens. Further, they have no knowledge of the token in question. Another location perhaps????

I have been informed that parking tokens are in use at the following locations:

BALD ISLAND RESORT  
P O BOX 3058  
BALD HEAD ISLAND, NC 28461

BEAR NEC. PED. CANCER FDN.  
85 W. ALGONQUIN RD SUITE 165  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL 60005

ALTOONA HOSPITAL  
620 HOWARD AVE  
ALTOONA, PA 16601

C S & C P C  
150 FREDERICK ST 8th FL  
KITCHENER, ONT CANADA

CHESTNUT HILL UMC  
8812 GERMANTOWN AVE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19118

Once again, I have no information relating to the above.  
FIESEL'S FIFTH EDITION is available from me at \$26 postpaid. A hard bound book of over 300 pages with identification listings. Included with the catalogue will be separate pages of newly listed tokens with FARE BOX references.

= J V PERNICANO 58 SONIA LANE BROOMALL, PA 19008 =  
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SUPPLEMENT #34 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA

BY HAROLD V. FORD

GEORGIA

Athens 50

ANDY'S OAK AND OCONEE STREET ATHENS, GA

A o Bz 25 Sd Self Service Car Wash No Cash Value (cartoon auto  
under shower head and brush) (reeded edge) 7.50

MARYLAND

Annapolis 40 (relist to correct obv.)

SHEPHERD'S .CARWASH. SINCE 1973 (IN LOGO)

A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token rwm (antique car) :50

WEST VIRGINIA

Spring Hill 782 (now a suburb of Charleston)

GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA NO.1 CAR WASH

5008 RT. 60 SPRING HILL, W.VA.

A o 27 Sd (Sofspra)(REV E)(1,000 struck 5/11/65) 20.00

UNIDENTIFIED

BIG SPRING CARWASH (CONVERTIBLE CAR)

611 B 25 Sd No Cash Value rwm

BRIGHTON BEACH PROPERTIES, INC. (BB on HERALDIC SHIELD  
inside WREATH)

612 Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value rwm (crown)

MADI'S CARWASH (JEEP)(17 STARS)

613 B 27 Sd Ashleigh's Automatic \$1<sup>00</sup> (16mm alum center) (reeded edge)

THE CAR WASH

614 WM 27 Sd \$1<sup>00</sup> (16mm brass center) (reeded edge)

CAR WASH CHAIN STOCK TOKENS

Group 150

NATIONAL CAR WASH NO CASH VALUE THE ULTIMATE WASH

D B 25 Sd N-W (16mm stainless steel center) (reeded edge)

TOKEN MANUFACTURERS STOCK TOKENS

Group 11

CARWASH TOKEN c (MODERN AUTO)

A B 22 Sd Carwash Token No Cash Value \$1<sup>00</sup> (reeded edge)

Group 12

CARWASH TOKEN NO CASH VALUE.NO REFUNDS (ANTIQU CAR) c

A B 27 Sd Control Token No Cash Value (VB on heraldic shield inside  
wreath) r (16mm stainless steel center) (reeded edge)

Group 30

CARWASH TOKEN hh (ANTIQU CAR)

AD Bz 29 Sd No Cash Value hm

Group 31

CARWASH TOKEN hm (ANTIQU CAR)

I Bz 25 Sd 25 hm

J Bz 25 Sd No Cash Value hm

Group 35

CAR WASH TOKEN hm (30's Cord)

A Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hm

# A D THE FARE BOX T I O N

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Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2, 1/4 or full page) must be sent to the Fare Box editor. Ads must reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue, or they will be held for next month's issue. Exception would be if the editor decides on an earlier date of issue. Use the 2-letter State abbreviation in your ad, as well as your name, address and complete 9-digit zip code, which can be found by looking at a previous ad, or in the AVA membership roster. Submit only ONE ad per category. More will be combined into one ad, or held for next month's issue. Please, only ads relating to items listed in publications of the American Vecturist Association.

13 MISCELLANEOUS	30 TRADE	40 WANTED
<p>I'm giving up my TT collection to specialize in personals and CWT. Have about 2600 different. Send your list of the above and I'll send list of TT traders. Want Softspa CWT. Also will sell many at 1.25% catalogue plus postage. Gilbert Vogel 3314 Maple St. Apt. 2 Longview WA 98632-3352</p>	<p>Let's trade! Send your TT listing. Receive mine. Have other varied tokens and exnumia to trade for TT's. John Ciecka 1540 Society Hill Dr. Bensalem PA 19020-3689</p>	<p>Why not sell me your old US transportation tickets? I pay well for such tickets. I'm always eager to buy, whether it's a few tickets or a big collection. Thanks. (919) 468-5510 Dan Benice P. O. Box 5708 Cary NC 27512-5708</p>
<p><b>25 SALE</b></p> <p>1) 24 School ride tickets-book bound. T.C.M.T. \$2.00 each plus SASE. 2) French tokens. Send SASE for description. "School Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>Won't you trade on a deal like this?-- Two for one! 2 TT of my choice for every different TT you send me. Up to 30!! Send \$3.00 for postage. E-mail: schoolbus-ben@cs.com "school Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	<p>Collector looking for the letters Q and Z as a hanging letter or stencil cut on any country TT. Prefer US. Send info only. Bob Kerr P. O. Box 3201 Virginia Beach VA 23454-</p>
<p>Club Tour [IL] 7 \$3.00; [MS] 33-A \$2.00; [ARMT] 205-A \$3.00; Fantasy [WI] 1 \$5.00. Bob Kelley 2742 Cheyenne Road Sebring FL 33875-4737</p>	<p><b>40 WANTED</b></p> <p>Prison tokens. Name your price. Joel Goodman 8279 South High Court Centennial CO 80122-3672</p>	<p>Michigan/Ohio Vintage transportation tokens. Also any and all world-wide telephone and telegraph material. R.K. "Bob" Lusch 417 Arbor Avenue Monroe MI 48162-2510</p>
<p>[CA] 255-A 50c; [CA] 740-B \$1.50; [IL] 430-D \$5.00. Barry Gay 1457 East Newport Rd. Lititz PA 17543-</p>	<p>Will pay your asking price for a couple of [MI] 75-C. "school Bus" Ben 216 Hampton Road Benton Harbor MI 49022-5924</p>	



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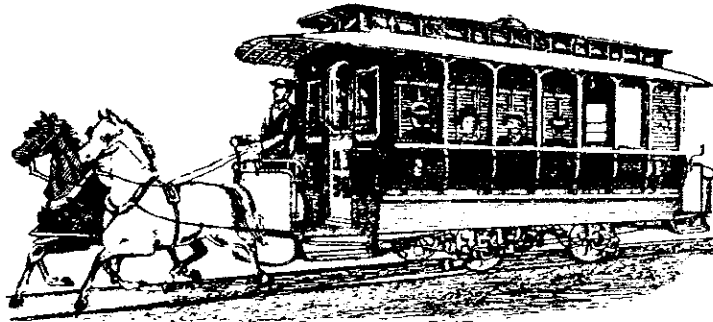
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January 7. Thanks again to the many members who have expressed sympathy for my back problem. It is definitely improving, but we have a ways to go so please continue to use the Brookline address, above, for mail for a while.

Our Treasurer, Joel Reznick, as mentioned last month will be moving to Florida soon, and as soon as he has secured a Florida postoffice box we'll announce it here and send along an addressed envelope for payment of your 2005 AVA dues. Until you see the announcement, please do not mail in dues. His Illinois postoffice box will soon be closed.

Sam James sends along a couple of interesting items from Toronto. Seems the Toronto police have broken a huge token counterfeiting ring in Toronto. Toronto Transit says it has been losing approximately \$400,000 a year over the past three years to counterfeit TTC tokens (which would be ON 900 F or G). Regular fare is \$2.25, or tokens at \$1.90. The fake tokens were being peddled for 25¢ to 90¢ apiece, quite a saving. The three individuals arrested "had an awful lot of chutzpah" said TTC Chairman Howard Moscoe. They even made themselves a special plaque to commemorate their own 400,000th fake token! I'd like to see one of the phonies just to compare with an authentic token.

When the Pennsylvania Legislature did not appropriate any money for transit, the transit authorities in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh reacted immediately. Philadelphia announced it would increase subway fare to \$3.00, and Pittsburgh to \$2.25. This had the desired consequence. The money was appropriated, so fares will not have to go through the roof after all. For now, anyway.

AVA President Bill Sowell sends this note: "In case someone reports a 29mm yellow plastic token which reads '955-3341 YELLOW CAB BUCK 955-3341' on both sides, a telephone call to the company reveals that the tokens are given to valets and bellhops at major hotels by the cab drivers for handling the passengers' luggage. The valets and bellhops turn them in to the cab company for \$1 each. This procedure keeps the cabbies accounts straight with the company without having to account for tips. The tokens are NOT good for any part of a taxi ride."

Bill Boncek reports that the town of Leaksville, NC (NC 545) no longer exists. It merged with Draper, NC, and Spray, NC, to form the new town of Eden, NC.



A while back someone reported a 31mm green plastic inscribed "Potomac Savings & Loan" on obverse, and "Senior Citizens Transportation" on reverse, in white letters. We had no idea where it came from, but I am certain it's from the Washington DC or nearby Maryland area. I could not find such a firm on Google. This month I acquired the token on ebay for a nominal price. It was listed as being from Lancaster, Ohio, because its reverse inscription is like that on some Lancaster tokens. However it is certainly from the DC area, and I have no doubt I'll find a home for it soon. Photos of the token, exact size, are below:



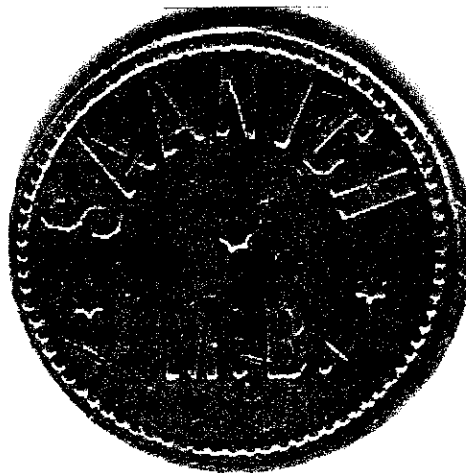
Last summer I sent an email to Bob Schopp asking him if he could check out an amusement ride token now being used at Totawa, NJ. He was able to get up there in December, and purchased a few of the tokens. The token is a generic ride type, inscribed NO CASH VALUE on one side, and "Non Refundable No Cash Value 1 Ride Token" on the other side. Probably it will be listed as a token manufacturer's stock token, although at present the only place we know it is in use is Totawa, NJ. Oddly the token comes with hh mintmark, and with hm mintmark, so two varieties. Bob describes the facility that uses the tokens: "Kidz Cafe is an indoor birthday party place somewhat like Chuck E. Cheese but with more rides. It was deserted at 11 am when I stopped there. It would be my guess it won't last 2 years. The ride tokens sell for \$1 each." The token seems to be copper-plated zinc.

Ron Greene reports a new 6-pointed star variety of BC 700 C, as reported in this month's Catalogue Supplement. Enlarged photos of the obverse of the two tokens are below:

BC 700 Cb



BC 700 Cc



Stan Varnon reports two very attractive amusement ride tokens now in use at the Birmingham, AL, Zoo. The tokens are used interchangeably for both the train ride and the Zoo Carousel. Unfortunately they aren't listable because they contain no wording indicating they are good for rides. Another very attractive ride token in the same category was reported by Roger Bolz used at the Henry Doorly Zoo at Omaha. Descriptions of the 3 (non-listable ride) tokens are below:

BIRMINGHAM ZOO (ELEPHANT & TIGER)				
B 25 Sd	Junior League of Birmingham	Hugh Kaul	Children's Zoo	Opening August 17, 2002
	Phase 1	hm		
B 25 Sd	Celebrating 50 Years of Education & Conservation	1955	2005	(eagle) hm
	SUE'S CAROUSEL	1999		
B 29 Sd	Turn Your World Around	(carousel)	Sue's Carousel	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo rwm

## GREEN TURTLE FERRY TOKENS

By Bill Sowell

Four examples of a new plastic token obtained recently by Eugene Johnson of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, with GREEN TURTLE FERRY on the obverse and Same Day Round Trip on the reverse led to an internet search followed by several telephone calls to Green Turtle Cay in the Bahamas. The 85 year old owner and semi-retired owner of the service he started thirty-four years ago, Floyd Lowe, was quite surprised and initially a little disturbed that I was in possession of four of his seven new tokens as they had not yet been placed in service. Once he knew where my tokens had come from he became very friendly and provided a good deal of information on the building and operation of the Green Turtle Ferry operation.

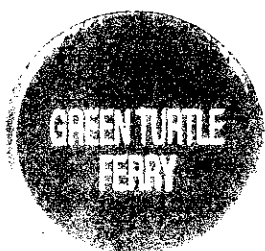
The Green Turtle Ferry operation is truly a family operation in the purest sense of the term. The four Ferry Captains are Floyd's son, Larry; Larry's son Adrian; Floyd's grandson Nigel and Nigel's brother in law Curtis Hodgkins. Nigel's wife, Ann and Curtis' wife Eileen are the radio operators for the operation.

The initial order of Green Turtle Ferry tokens consisted of 200 each of seven colors of 29 mm solid plastic in: blue, black, brown, green, orange, purple and red. They are to be placed in service on January 1, 2005, a day on which the Green Turtle Ferry will carry approximately 1000 passengers to Green Turtle Cay for the annual Junkanoo New Year's Celebration and return them in the evening following the celebration. In the past the company accepted the word of the passengers that they had paid a round trip fare but the use of tokens will keep an honest people honest.

The Junkanoo Celebration is thought to have been originated by The Bahamas' Loyalists' African slaves in the late 1600's or early 1700's, this colorful combination of the arts of dance, music, costuming and theatrics has not always enjoyed today's wide-spread Bahamian popularity. "Junkanoo" is a procession of masked dancers in bright colorful costumes parading or 'rushing' through streets, creating music with goat skin drums, cowbells and whistles. These revelers spend up to a year before the parade 'pasting' their costumes in junkanoo "shacks" and practicing their theme songs.

The exact origins are unknown, but the most popular version is that John Canoe, a beneficent plantation owner, allowed his slaves time off to celebrate on Christmas and New Year's Days. Thus the slaves named the celebration in his honor.

The tokens were ordered for the Green Turtle Ferry by the same organization of the Abaco, Bahamas that ordered the tokens for Albury's Ferry Service, which were reported by John Coffee in the September 2001 issue of *The Fare Box*. More information on the Junkanoo Celebration may be found on the internet at: [www.go-abacos.com/news/junkanoo.html](http://www.go-abacos.com/news/junkanoo.html).



## RARE TOKENS FROM NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY By John Coffee

Obtaining tokens directly from the source is a lot more fun than buying them from a dealer or on ebay. Back in the 1960's, when the children of people who operated livery stables were still alive, I decided to see what newspaper articles could accomplish. I never once paid for a newspaper ad, but I wrote dozens of articles for little weekly newspapers. All that was necessary was to call the local library and ask them to use their Directory of Periodicals to give me the name of a local newspaper, its editor, and its address. Then I would write an article usually about an old livery stable hack line, mentioning the token in question, offering a modest price, and send it along with a cover letter. These papers are usually hungry for news, especially with a local color that would appeal to old timers. I don't think a single article that I wrote--of over 35 or 40 of them--was ever rejected.

I had phenomenal luck. My first success was an article I wrote for the newspaper in Covington, GA, which netted me GA 270 A for \$2.50. Then I wrote a story for the Camden, AR, paper which netted me a nice letter from old Mr. Chidester, and a specimen of AR 150 C (a new discovery) and several ancient telephone tokens to boot. About 1962 I wrote an article for the Trenton, MO, paper seeking MO 920 A. I didn't get 920 A, but the editor himself replied by sending me 920 C (a new discovery at the time) asking \$5 for it. In the early 1960's I wrote an article for the paper in Logan, OH, and received back a nice letter (which is reproduced in Vol. II of our catalogue) and a token (OH 465 A). I believe I paid \$5 for it. In 1959 I visited the newspaper office in Philipsburg, PA, gave an interview to the editor which he put on Page One, and I got 5 examples of PA 755 A as a result, for \$3.50 each. The same year I visited the editor of the Stevenson, WA, newspaper, got publicity on Page One, and received 5 of WA 590 B and two of WA 590 A as a result, for \$3.50 apiece as I recall.

I wrote an article for the Stafford, KS, newspaper which the editor embellished with additional information of his own and ran on Page One. I was seeking KS 905 A, but a nice lady sent me 905 C instead (till then unknown). Publicity in the Lohrville, IA, newspaper got me a nice letter from a lady who said she owned IA 555 A, a gorgeous old token, but didn't want to part with it. I waited a couple months, wrote again and offered \$50, which was at the time top dollar. I got the token. When I wrote a story for the West Plains, MO, newspaper seeking MO 980 A, I did not get 980 A (I have it now) but I got 980 B, till then unknown. Cost me \$10.

When we listed WI 520 A (Mineral Point) I wrote an article for the paper there and was pleasantly surprised to receive what is now listed as 520 A (we relisted them as I am sure 520 A is the earlier token, with "buss" on it.) The lady read the article and wrote a letter saying she didn't have a token, but when she searched for a stamp in her desk drawer she found this token! Newspaper publicity in Fort Benton, MT, elicited a reply from a man in Whitefish, MT, who had the MT 320 B, the original one, but he didn't want to part with it. It took me two years of letters and phone calls to get him, finally, to sell it to me for what was top dollar at the time. Then a letter in the Sparta, WI, newspaper got me WI 840 C, till then unknown. I had been seeking 840 A but got C instead. I since have picked up the 840 A.

My greatest haul, of course, was all of the listed Weatherford, TX, depotels, as a consequence of an article in the Weatherford newspaper, a visit to the town, and a long friendship with Miss Mary Baker, daughter of the man who ran the livery barn and hack line.

Above are just some of my success stories. Of course there were lots of articles that did not get me a token, but often did elicit fascinating information from some wonderful and friendly people. I ran articles in Spirit Lake, IA; West Union, IA; Oswego, KS; Winnebago, MN; Springfield, MO; and Minot, ND. The article in Minot did get a nice reply from old Mr. J.L. Smith who issued most of the tokens. He had none of the metal ones left, but he sent me half a dozen of the ND 600 F, not even scarce, but still very nice. Have we harvested most of what are out there by now? I doubt it. But memories are dying along with the people who remember.

From Steel to Rubber to Steel in Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Ron Geppert AVA #2498

Thomas Lowry, lawyer and real estate developer, started the Twin City Rapid Transit Co. of Minneapolis/St. Paul in the 1870s. It ultimately became one of the finest and best run street railway companies in the United States. By the time of his death in 1909, the system stretched more than 48 miles across the Twin Cities when they were still separated by miles of open country. His control of streetcars began in Minneapolis and was followed by purchasing the St. Paul system in 1884. Technology soon replaced his little horse drawn carts with electric streetcars known as "trolleys". In the spring of 1890, a pair of 1200-man crews in both Minneapolis and St. Paul began laying rails, erecting overhead power cables and building power houses for his new electric transportation system that first opened that December.

*A most interesting paper transfer ticket was in use on this system around 1894. The conductor would punch a hole in one of the faces on the left end of the ticket, choosing the one that most resembled the passenger. He had only seven choices, five men and two women in hats.*

Although his company was now broke, trolleys soon became fashionable for commuting and recreation. By 1906, Lowry also had six coal-fired steamboats sailing on a large local metropolitan lake that connected passengers with the trolleys. These steamboats (streetcar boats) were constructed to resemble streetcars and were painted the same canary yellow color as the trolleys. This was one of the few places in the world where passengers could transfer from rolling transportation to floating transportation owned and operated by the same streetcar company.

This transportation company was the area's largest employer and its stock tended to be a solid investment. The company produced its own electricity, manufactured its own street cars, had more than 360 miles of track in service, possessed fast street cars that reached 60 miles per hour, stimulated land development, attracted small businesses and spawned new villages.

This thriving transportation system was soon to be derailed by progress and fraud. By the 1920s, cars and trucks were filling the streets and private transportation was growing. The Twin Cities streetcar system was the only Minnesota system in operation during the depression. The peak year for the Twin Cities streetcars was 1922 with 226 million passengers. By 1940 the number was down to 104 million but rebounded to 200 million during WW II when gasoline was rationed. After the war, automobiles became readily available and by 1949 the ridership dropped to 150 million.

In only five years, the popularity of automobiles along with multimillion-dollar fraud dismantled what had taken Lowry 50 years to build. Under market value payoffs for the sale of scrap metal including 400 miles of track plus the defrauding of the company out of more than \$250,000 through the sale of 91

streetcars to Mexico by the dishonest, netted the guilty prison time. It did not help to have Minnesota's most notorious gangster, Isadore Blumenfeld (aka Kid Cann) owning 16% of the company's stock.

During the early 1950s, it took less than 25 months to replace the 392 miles of track and overhead cable, 724 streetcars and 354 older type buses with new 51-passenger diesel powered air-ride buses. Sadly, the old streetcars were quickly burned to recover the scrap metal.

Minneapolis is currently returning to steel again with the construction of a light rail system.

An article by Peg Meier in the June 20, 2004, edition of the Mpls. Star Tribune was the source of the facts and figures for the preceding piece.

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**CARWASH SUPPLEMENT PRICE CHANGES**

(August 2001 thru November 2003 Issue of the FARE BOX)

(Listed in Catalogue order, hence abbreviations not in alphabetical order)

FL 135 A	1.75	ME 340 C	5.50	NV 350 B	1.50
FL 335 A	10.00	MA 660 A	1.00	OH 10 AB	7.50
FL 335 B	10.00	MI 5 D	4.00	OH 390 B	1.00
FL 595 A	1.50	MI 5 E	4.00	OH 615 A	1.00
FL 985 B	11.00	MI 430 A	1.50	OH 860 E	5.50
IL 70 A	3.50	MI 430 B	5.00	OH 860 F	5.50
IL 70 B	3.50	MI 740 B	1.50	OH 860 G	5.50
IL 135 D	3.00	MI 910 A	4.00	OH 860 H	5.50
IL 417 A	5.00	MI 910 B	4.00	OR 90 C	5.00
IL 488 A	1.00	MN 175 A	1.00	PA 300 A	3.00
IL 594 D	3.50	MN 380 C	3.00	PA 300 B	3.00
IL 795 B	8.00	MN 400 B	1.00	PA 335 A	5.00
IL 835 A	4.00	MN 540 I	2.00	PA 335 B	5.00
IL 835 B	4.00	MN 540 J	2.00	PA 335 C	5.00
IN 390 H	4.50	MN 552 B	2.00	PA 360 A	1.75
IN 520 D	3.50	MN 950 A	5.00	PA 522 C	8.00
IN 605 A	5.00	MN 950 B	5.00	PA 805 A	3.50
IN 832 A	3.50	MN 950 C	5.00	PA 818 A	2.00
IN 832 B	3.50	MN 950 D	5.00	PA 955 B	5.50
IN 920 B	5.00	MN 950 E	5.00	TN 430 A	1.75
IN 930 B	1.00	MN 950 F	5.00	TN 715 A	7.00
IA 265 A	1.25	MN 950 G	5.00	TX 445 AM	9.00
IA 265 B	4.50	MN 950 H	5.00	TX 445 AN	9.00
IA 380 A	1.00	MN 950 I	5.00	UT 100 D	3.50
IA 760 B	1.50	MN 950 J	5.00	UT 150 B	1.50
KS 540 A	1.00	MN 950 K	5.00	UT 750 N	4.00
KS 880 B	1.00	MN 950 L	5.00	VA 720 E	8.00
KS 880 C	1.00	MO 350 B	2.00	WA 720 B	2.50
KS 540 B	1.00	MO 860 A	1.50	WA 840 E	1.00
KY 600 A	5.00	MO 860 B	3.00	WV 830 A	5.00
MD 730 A	5.00	MO 922 A	5.00	WI 109 A	6.00
ME 340 A	5.50	MT 460 A	1.75	WI 670 A	5.50
ME 340 B	5.50	MT 460 B	1.75		

## WHY NOT JOIN THE TRANSPORT TICKET SOCIETY?

and go global in tickets...or even venture into UK transportation tokens

By John Tolson, AVA #2395

Our British based society has its origins in the Ticket & Fare Collection Society, founded in 1946 to cater for collectors of transportation tickets from buses, trams and railroads. In 1963 the T&FCS merged with the International Society of Transport Ticket Collectors to form the Transport Ticket Society. Since then it has grown to almost 500 members in the United Kingdom, Europe, America and the Far East. Members collect road, rail, ship and air tickets, and a number are also interested in ticket equipment. About a quarter of the Society membership collect transportation tokens--in fact the current chairman, also an AVA member, collects only tokens.

The society offers a wide range of facilities of which the most important are a monthly illustrated 40-page Journal and regular ticket and token distributions at moderate prices. There are also ticket exchange pools and circuits, as well as postal auctions for the more desirable tickets. A comprehensive "back distribution" service gives all members the opportunity to repair past omissions or to open up a new area of interest.

We actively encourage research into the history of tickets and tokens and regularly publish historical articles in Journal, while larger works can appear as special publications. Each year an eminent Society member is elected president, and his Presidential Address--on a subject of his own choosing--is then published. We also have a library with many publications and reference works, which can be borrowed by members.

We already have a number of members in North and South America and would like to have more. So if you are particularly interested in UK tickets and tokens, then this is definitely the society for you--but our ticket articles and distributions do cover the whole world.

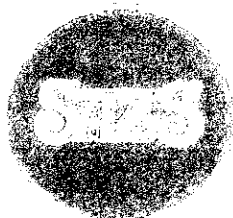
Please visit our Society Website at [www.transport-ticket.com](http://www.transport-ticket.com) or contact our membership secretary, Donald Randell, Oak Tree Lodge, 221A Botley Road, Burridge, Southampton, Hants., SO31 1BJ, England ([davidrandell@btopenworld.com](mailto:davidrandell@btopenworld.com)) - and find out for yourself what you can get for about \$40 (surface mail) or \$75 (airmail). If you fancy foreign travel, as a member you will be able to attend our Diamond Jubilee Weekend, which will be held in The Netherlands in 2006.

We look forward to learning from you.

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## SAZ'S RESTAURANT BUS TOKEN OF MILWAUKEE

By John Coffee



Saz's Restaurant, founded in 1976, is a fixture in Milwaukee, WI, and judging from reviews I have read, deservedly so. When Roger Bolz reported a 29mm red plastic token inscribed SAZ'S on obverse, and "Good For 1 Bus Ride" on reverse, I was of course curious. So I phoned them, and learned that the restaurant operates special buses from the restaurant to nearly all of the local professional sports team events. So restaurant patrons may eat, go to the game, return from the game, and eat again after the victory. Hence the token. We'll see if we can get a quantity for NIS.

INTRODUCING MR. JOHN TOLSON, AVA #2395  
(Chairman of the Transport Ticket Society)

As payment for publishing the article on the Transport Ticket Society, which is in this issue, your Editor drove a hard bargain: I had to write about myself and my token interests.

As I confessed in my TTS note, I only collect UK transportation tokens (and recently I have started on South Africa), so I am still surprised that I became chairman of a society for ticket collectors. But it was not always like that. In the 1960s I began collecting railroad tickets as railroad photography worldwide and the study of railroad history were--and most definitely still are--my major hobbies. Then, in the TTS Journal I saw an advertisement for tokens of the Dewsbury & Ossett Tramways (a very small company in Yorkshire) which cost 1/- (about 10¢). At that time I did not know what tokens were, but because my mother who had once lived in Yorkshire had told me about a runaway D&O tram, which had crashed through the window of a boot and shoe shop in Dewsbury, I decided to risk 1/-. If I had received both tokens my interest might have ended there, but I only got the 1d yellow--together with some Grimsby tokens--and it took me nearly 20 years to get the 1d purple D&O token. So my interest was kindled and correspondence with Ken Smith and with my compatriot, Don Capper, got me involved both in token acquisition and the history of the undertakings which issued them.

In due course I started to collect bridge and ferry tokens, and now have quite a good representative collection of transportation tokens from all areas of Great Britain and Ireland.

In addition to the Transport Ticket Society I am also involved with the Token Corresponding Society, which produces a quarterly magazine, and has organized a Token Congress annually for over 20 years. Transportation tokens form only a small part of the paranumismatica discussed in well researched but informal papers, and a number of North American participants are extremely knowledgeable about UK pub refreshments checks! I wonder why.

So, now retired, I wonder how I ever found time to go to work. Happy Collecting.

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## 2004 NEW ISSUES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

In 2004 the New Issues Service mailed fifty-five tokens to the members. The total catalogue value of these tokens was \$68.00 for which US members paid a total of \$66.50 for the tokens, \$5.52 in postage and 90¢ for insurance, a total of \$72.92 which is 1.07 times catalogue value. A very inexpensive way to obtain new tokens.

The tokens provided were: AR FANTASY-1 as a gift from Cliff Mishler; AR 360K; CA 340A, F, 760W, 775R, 940F; CO 680C; CT 240B; ID 100R, 380K; IL 720J; IN 1000I; MI 5Q, R, S; 377A; 585H; 860D; MN 30G, H, 540AN, 960G; MO 668A, B, C, D; NC 160K, L, M, N, 430B; OH 505O; PA 142F, G, H; RI 521L, M, N; TX 445T, U, B; VA 820B, C, D, E, F; WA 970C; WI 620I, 730A, B, C, D, E and AMU RD 205B. The Arkansas Fantasy item is to be relisted as a Club Tour token in the next issue of the Atwood-Coffee catalogue.

Tokens on hand for shipments in 2005 are: MD 620A or B (Laurel, MD letter to be determined.); MI 930D; MN 90B & C; MT 660AD, AE & AF; RI 521O, P & Q (Which may be the last tokens issued by the RITBA as they are switching to Smart Card technology.); TX 40A, 445W & X; WA 970D and WI 915E.

- Bill Sowell



## DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATWOOD-COFFEE CATALOGUE

By Harold V. Ford

GEORGIA

Savannah 780 (Reported by Bob Kelley)

RIDE/TOKEN/RWM

O A 29 Sd No/Cash/Value/RWM

\$2.00

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Bob Phipps)

ZONE FARE/MUST/BE/RETURNED/TO OPERATOR

286 A 29 Sd (blank)(obverse inscription is incuse and black)

CLUB TOUR TOKENS (Reported by Joseph K. Scarlett) (500 of each issued)

Kansas CT

ANA/GOOD FOR ONE FARE/SHUTTLE BUS

2 Pr 42 Sd Johnson County Numismatic Society/April 2005/

(buffalo over) Kansas/(all inside wreath)(gold printing)

3 Pw 42 Sd "

4 Pb 42 Sd "

ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

CO 690 D: add (reeded edge)

MI 930 D: (listed 10/04) add (10,000 struck)(5/04)

MN 540 AN: (listed 10/04) add (8mm brass center)

NC 160 M: (listed 8/04) correct size to 32mm (not 23mm)

Unid 268: (listed 7/99) correct size to 16mm (not 15mm; it actually measures 15.65mm)

BC 700 C: Add (Vars: 3) a. 2 5-pointed stars on obv.)

b. 3 5-pointed stars on obv.)

c. 3 6-pointed stars on obv.)

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## NOTES BY HAROLD V. FORD

The Savannah Mall has a carousel that uses two tokens, only one of which is listable. Our Editor phoned the mall several times this past summer but could not connect with a knowledgeable person. We asked Joe Counihan to check it out. He sent me a small supply for distribution since the NIS did not want to handle, as it is a generic issue though customized with red paint. The first 15 requests sent me with \$2.00 plus SASE will get specimens. Only one per request, OK? If you do not hear from me for, say, a month, I have exhausted my supply and am trying to get additional tokens.

Unidentified 286 was an ebay offering this past summer by a prairie Canadian seller: Canadian or US? If we could ascertain the source it would be a 997 listing.

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show will be held in Kansas City, MO, April 8,9,10, 2005. It is sponsored by the Johnson County Numismatic Society. A number of local tours are scheduled. Three different colored plastic tokens have already been issued and AVA member Joseph Scarlett (12612 W. 104th Terrace - Overland Park, KS 66215-2258) offers all 3 to interested collectors for \$5.00 plus SASE.

Additions & corrections. Several are new information, old and new errors in listing, and new information from Ron Greene, cataloguer of BC Canada tokens.

Bob Phipps picked up an interesting item shapped as a baggage tag. It is 28 x 36mm brass with a slot near the top. Inscription: B.S.CO. / 283 / PASS (incuse black inscriptions) blank reverse. Does anyone recognize it?

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Recently on ebay, CT 55 A, which is the commonest of the Housatonic RR tokens (census-5) sold for \$565.54. A nice example of WI 520 B (Mineral Point depot) in very nice condition (but listed under trade tokens and not under TTs) got a top bid of \$204.49, which did not meet the reserve. So it did not sell.

**SUPPLEMENT #35 TO CAR WASH TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA**  
BY HAROLD V. FORD

FLORIDA

Tarpon Springs 920

AUTO BATH TARPON SPRINGS, FL rwm

A Bz 25 St-sc No Cash Value rwm .50

MINNESOTA

Willmar 970 (exUnid 183, 184)

WALT'S SELF SERVE CAR WASH

B B 23 Sd No Cash Value (vars.) 1.00

a. VALUE 14mm, toothed edge 1.8mm

b. " 13mm, " " .8mm

c. " 16mm, " " 1mm

C B 23 Sd No Cash Value (WM-plated) 1.00

NEVADA

Reno 600

REEVES CAR WASH (incuse) (SHINY AUTO)

M Bz 25 Sd Carwash Token Non Refundable No Cash Value hh 1.50

OHIO

West Chester 943

OASIS CAR WASH WEST CHESTER OHIO (PALM TREES)

B WM 27 Sd \$1 No Cash Value (palm trees) 1.00  
(metal is a dark WM)

UNIDENTIFIED

AUTO SPA

615 B 29 Sd Carwash Token hh (antique car)

AUTO WASH EXPRESS (U.S. FLAG)

616 B 29 Sd Automatic Wash One l hh

HAPPY TRAILS CAR WASH (TRAIL RUNNING BETWEEN MOUNTAINS)

617 B 25 Sd No Cash Value rwm

HOLIDAY CAR WASH TOKEN (ANTIQUE CAR) c

618 B 25 Sd 25

MAGIC SPRAY CAR WASH BRUSHLESS AUTOMATIC AUTOMATIC CAR WASH TOKEN

619 Bz 25 Sd Good For Two Dollars Off Purchase \$2<sup>00</sup> hh

NATIONAL \$1 CAR WASH N.W N.W

620 WM 23 Sd One Dollar Car Wash Token No Cash Value \$1 N.W  
(8mm brass center)

NICOLLET SELF SERVICE CAR WASH (SHINY AUTO)

621 B 25 Sd Non Refundable No Cash Value 25c in Trade (reeded edge)

RACETRACK CARWASH (TWO CHECKERED FLAGS)

622 Bz 25 Sd (cartoon auto facing left)

SPLASH N DASH A GREAT CARWASH (LOGO)

623 B 27 Sd Carwash Token No Cash Value.No Refunds \$1<sup>00</sup>  
(16mm alum center) (reeded edge)

SUPER SUDS MIGHTY KLEEN \$1<sup>00</sup> TRADE VALUE

624 B 25 Sd Carwash Token c (antique car) (reeded edge) (ACb)

TOUCH OF CLASS CARWASH (AUTO UNDER SHOWER HEAD AND BRUSH)

625 B 25 Sd Wash Token No Cash Value 25

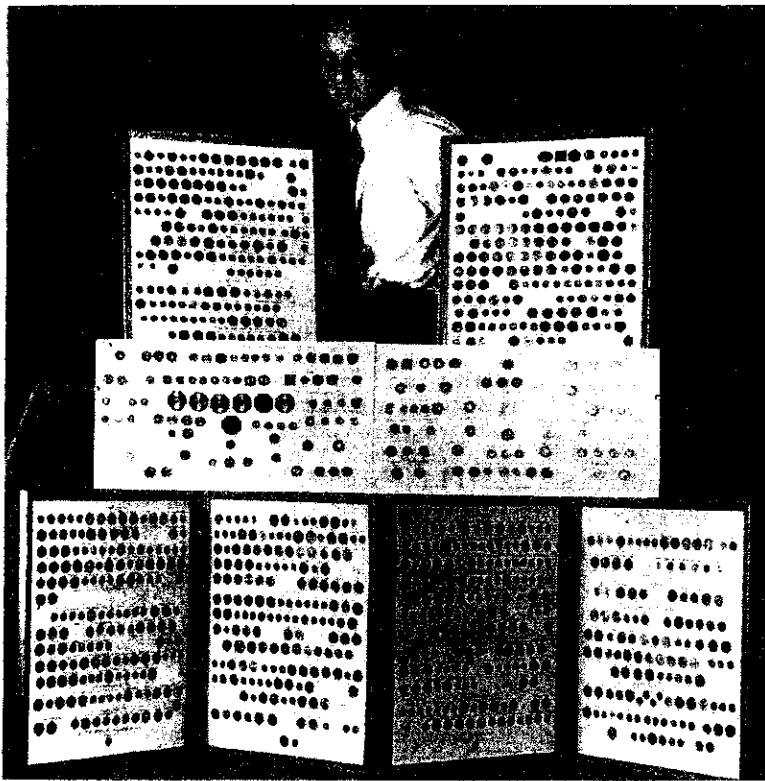
ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

GA 70 A Brass center s/b 16mm, not 11

GA 505 A Add rwm to reverse

TX 530 A obv s/b JIFFYLUBE

UNID 19 rev. 1/4 Off, not 1/2



## Mr. Hammond Treasures Tokens

**B**ACK in the days of horsecars, a lighthearted traction company in New York City issued a trolley token bearing the image of two donkeys. Under the donkeys was the query: "When shall we three meet again?" Today a good answer would be: "In any of the 200 collections of transportation tokens throughout the world."

You can meet almost anything on a transportation token. In all, nearly 5000 different kinds of these disks have been issued, of which about 3200 were put out in the United States and its possessions since tokens first appeared around 1832. Some old ones bear real-estate and grocery ads; others are more sedate with pictures of Benjamin Franklin, Lincoln and Mark Twain, buildings, bridges and American Indians. They vary in size from slightly more than half an inch in diameter to not quite two inches; they have been used on ferries and boats, streetcars and stagecoaches. At times they have even doubled as beer checks.

A typical token collector, Floyd Hammond, of West Springfield, Massachusetts, got his start when a friend sent him a single token from Hawaii. Now he has more than 1200 tokens, mounted on spe-

cial boards that allow full front-and-rear-view vision. Like other collectors, Hammond has a wealth of information about his hobby. Stockholm, he explains, is triple-starred on token-fanciers' maps because it has issued 185 different types. New York, Philadelphia, Louisville and Cleveland get double stars for having issued twenty to forty different kinds each. Horsecar tokens are known to collectors as "Oldies," and Hammond calls his hobby "Armchair Geography" because he learns many interesting transportation details of far places without leaving his sitting room.

Like most of his fellow hobbyists, Hammond expands his collection largely by trading rather than buying. When bought and sold, ordinary tokens bring from ten cents up, semi-scarce issues running from one to two dollars. Rare items may cost from five to twenty dollars. But collectors are more likely to shade a price for a fellow enthusiast than boost it, for theirs is a very friendly fraternity and they go in more for frequent contacts than for sharp bidding against one another. Thus far, the fraternity has no motto. One which has been suggested is: "None but the brave deserves the fare."

Early stories about transportation token collecting have always fascinated me. To the left is an article that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, a magazine with a huge circulation at the time, for July 19, 1947. Floyd Hammond, who is pictured with some of his collection put up in nice frames, held AVA #10 and was one of the founders of this society.

An even more venerable article is one that was sent me by Steve Alpert, about Franklin P. Snyder, AVA #51. Frank Snyder worked for the Los Angeles Railway, and is written up, and pictured, in the LARY employee magazine for May 1937. The article also pictures hundreds of tokens from Frank's collection.

The AVA turned 56 years old last October 31, and The Fare Box will be 58 years old next July. But even long before then our hobby was going strong.

# **Prices Realized From The Seventh W.D.Sacks Token Auction**

1	73.85	52	3.36	103	2.50	154	4.00	205	1.43	256	7.00
2	22.00	53	1.78	104	5.34	155	2.00	206	1.41	257	1.40
3	3.51	54	2.86	105	29.70	156	6.00	207	3.00	258	7.98
4	3.51	55	7.70	106	1.51	157	No Bid	208	7.32	259	5.50
5	3.25	56	14.91	107	16.50	158	16.95	209	11.00	260	11.00
6	4.62	57	4.88	108	11.44	159	No Bid	210	2.50	261	4.62
7	4.46	58	5.00	109	33.00	160	No Bid	211	3.00	262	4.26
8	56.00	59	1.10	110	70.86	161	2.75	212	3.00	263	10.63
9	56.00	60	4.15	111	11.66	162	No Bid	213	16.28	264	4.26
10	4.62	61	3.75	112	145.83	163	No Bid	214	14.41	265	10.00
11	122.10	62	3.75	113	6.71	164	4.15	215	3.66	266	4.69
12	7.70	63	3.75	114	10.25	165	2.01	216	2.20	267	1.80
13	4.49	64	10.87	115	4.50	166	3.01	217	2.40	268	2.10
14	286.00	65	4.10	116	4.50	167	No Bid	218	3.85	269	7.05
15	8.25	66	4.10	117	4.00	168	No Bid	219	5.50	270	3.30
16	12.49	67	3.08	118	4.00	169	4.60	220	16.68	271	8.25
17	1.76	68	25.69	119	5.50	170	No Bid	221	25.69	272	5.60
18	34.10	69	Error	120	1.05	171	No Bid	222	1.10	273	3.75
19	22.00	70	15.68	121	1.15	172	No Bid	223	3.05	274	3.75
20	8.95	71	6.00	122	29.70	173	No Bid	224	3.05	275	2.20
21	3.00	72	5.10	123	5.04	174	2.75	225	1.10	276	2.50
22	2.75	73	5.61	124	11.00	175	1.51	226	1.10	277	44.00
23	2.27	74	3.00	125	13.44	176	3.61	227	0.89	278	3.50
24	2.27	75	4.50	126	No Bid	177	3.97	228	9.06	279	98.50
25	2.01	76	No Bid	127	1.68	178	6.61	229	No Bid	280	469.78
26	2.01	77	No Bid	128	4.73	179	2.75	230	37.45	281	176.00
27	264.00	78	No Bid	129	4.08	180	2.01	231	11.22	282	170.50
28	4.46	79	2.65	130	13.86	181	3.75	232	25.01	283	177.21
29	2.30	80	10.36	131	5.61	182	9.35	233	75.90	284	No Bid
30	225.61	81	169.55	132	4.15	183	5.00	234	1.25	285	8.76
31	19.82	82	169.55	133	4.74	184	3.41	235	5.72	286	3.10
32	3.10	83	2.01	134	8.69	185	No Bid	236	No Bid	287	2.01
33	13.31	84	2.01	135	5.78	186	2.75	237	3.10	288	9.05
34	9.31	85	1.50	136	6.71	187	4.00	238	3.30	289	Error
35	9.31	86	1.50	137	83.36	188	1.50	239	3.10	290	2.50
36	3.10	87	4.51	138	241.41	189	No Bid	240	3.75	291	2.00
37	2.77	88	3.04	139	22.00	190	No Bid	241	5.00	292	2.00
38	7.10	89	2.26	140	100.00	191	2.75	242	5.00	293	2.00
39	12.85	90	2.26	141	57.00	192	3.60	243	3.75	294	2.00
40	11.20	91	No Bid	142	132.00	193	1.76	244	5.00	295	2.00
41	11.20	92	4.01	143	20.00	194	4.10	245	2.60	296	2.00
42	7.92	93	4.51	144	4.60	195	6.60	246	2.50	297	2.33
43	11.11	94	8.64	145	7.59	196	2.60	247	2.50	298	8.50
44	14.64	95	61.60	146	2.50	197	2.75	248	2.50	299	66.00
45	7.26	96	4.78	147	5.50	198	2.50	249	2.50	300	3.00
46	30.55	97	4.78	148	3.10	199	3.25	250	2.50		
47	4.62	98	No Bid	149	6.82	200	4.62	251	2.50		
48	6.05	99	No Bid	150	4.00	201	4.75	252	6.50		
49	6.05	100	No Bid	151	4.40	202	1.10	253	2.50		
50	5.31	101	25.51	152	2.31	203	2.26	254	2.10		
51	3.36	102	5.50	153	12.32	204	1.20	255	1.66		

[See Page 30 of the March 2003 Fare Box for list of tokens]

# A D THE FARE BOX I O N D E C E M B E R 2 0 0 4

Managers: Anna & Bob Butler <sup>1995</sup>  
2805 East Lake Street Apt. 304 Minneapolis MN 55406 (612) 871-4699

Ads of up to 3 column inches in each category are free to AVA members. Larger ads (1/2, 1/4 or full page) must be sent to the Fare Box editor. Ads must reach the managers by the FIFTH of the month of issue, or they will be held for next month's issue. Exception would be if the editor decides on an earlier date of issue. Use the 2-letter State abbreviation in your ad, as well as your name, address and complete 9-digit zip code, which can be found by looking at a previous ad, or in the AVA membership roster. Submit only ONE ad per category. More will be combined into one ad, or held for next month's issue. Please, only ads relating to items listed in publications of the American Vecturist Association.

## 01 AUCTION (close FEB 4)

One complete set of [MI] 20-A thru G TT's. Eight total, includes Color Var. of C. A-F in mint condition, G shows some slight use only. Minimum bid of \$25 plus postage and insurance

Louis Lockwood  
10420 Sugardale St.  
Harrison OH 45030-1734

## 04 CAR WASH

Speciality car wash, Kalamazoo, MI. \$2.00 each post paid. Multiple orders welcome!

John Vrbancic  
P. O. Box 19013  
Kalamazoo MI  
49019-0013

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

Joel Reznick gave me bunches and bunches of old copies of the Fare Box at the Charlotte convention. Thank you again Joel! After taking out the issues I needed, there were still hundreds of old issues left over dating back to the late 1950's. If you would like a specific issue, or to start a collect-  
(continued next column)

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

ion, please let me know. Your COST will be postage only. (757) 471-7433. E-mail: mykidsplay@aol.com  
Bob Schneider  
2321 Londale Court  
Virginia Beach VA  
23456-

## 25 SALE

I have thousands of TT's for sale. Send an SASE or go to [www.fantasticprices.com](http://www.fantasticprices.com) and click on tokens. Ignore the prices on the web site. AVA members are only 2X catalog.  
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AL 100 A (June)	NC 160 L (August)
AK 450 R (July)	NC 160 M (August, December)
AK 800 B (April)	NC 160 N (August, September)
AR 360 K (January)	ND 600 J (October)
CA 72 A (July)	OH 505 O (April)
CA 526 A-G (July)	OK 180 B (March)
CA 745 AH (March)	OK 795 A (February)
CA 760 W (July)	OK 1000 B (February)
CA 775 R (March)	PA 985 N,O (March)
CA 1000 BO (March)	PA 990 F (October)
CO 690 D (December)	RI 521 J (August)
CT 240 B (February)	RI 521 K-M (March)
FL 630 C (April)	RI 521 N-Q (September)
GA 60 AM (June)	SD 1000 T (September)
GA 780 O (December)	TN 120 J (September)
ID 380 K (July)	TX 340 V (June)
IL 235 D (June)	TX 445 T-X (July)
IL 720 J (January)	TX 810 BA (July)
IN 140 C (March)	TX 900 C,D (July)
IN 1000 I (September)	VA 420 A (June)
IA 77 B,E,F (July)	WA 970 D (October)
MA 430 D (August)	WA 998 P (October)
MA 735 A (June)	WI 20 A (January)
MI 5 Q,R,S (February)	WI 300 E,F (August)
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